

# FAIRY TAIL

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*Hiro Mashima*  
Creator of Rave Master





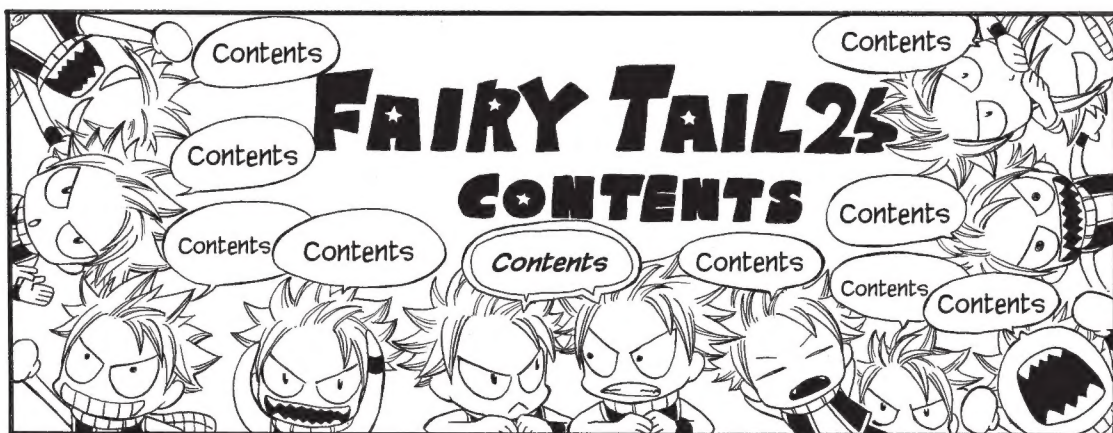
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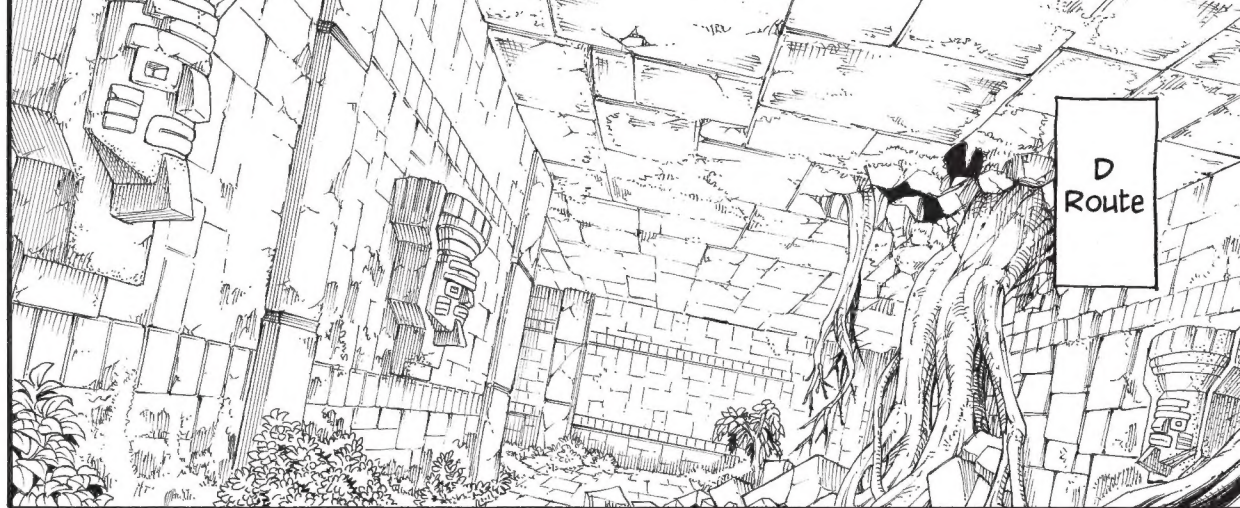
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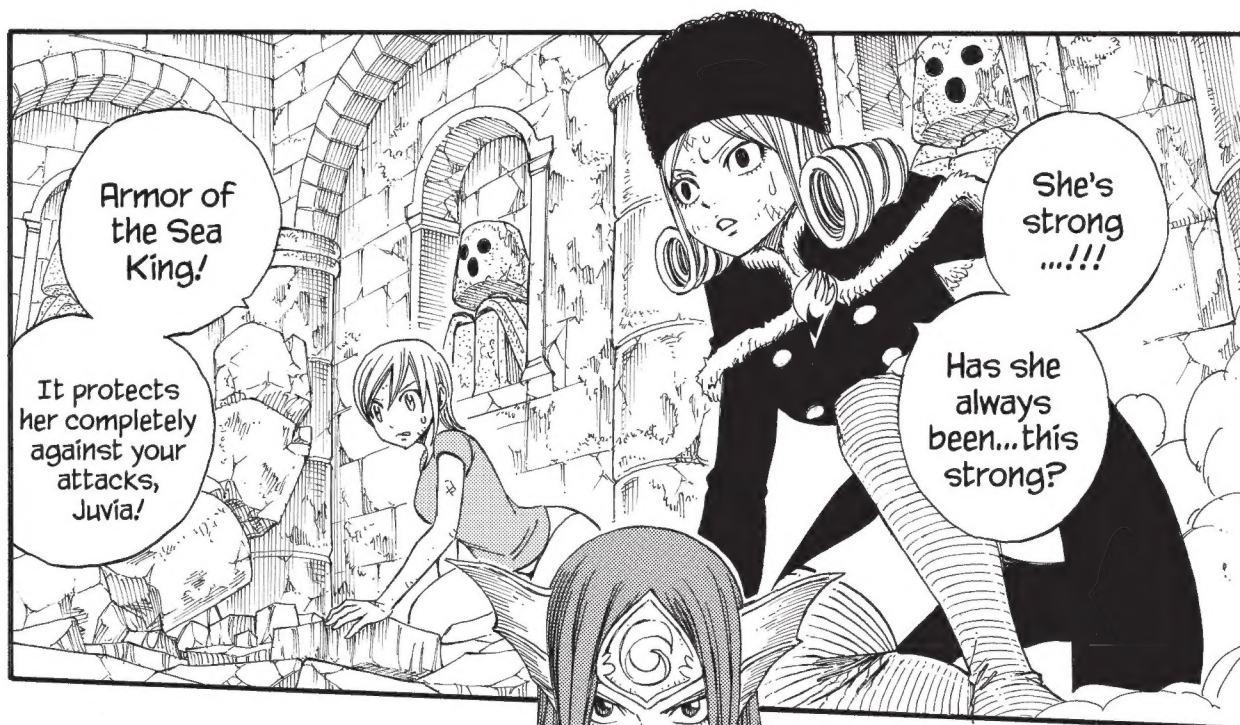


## Chapter 205: Natsu vs. Gildarts





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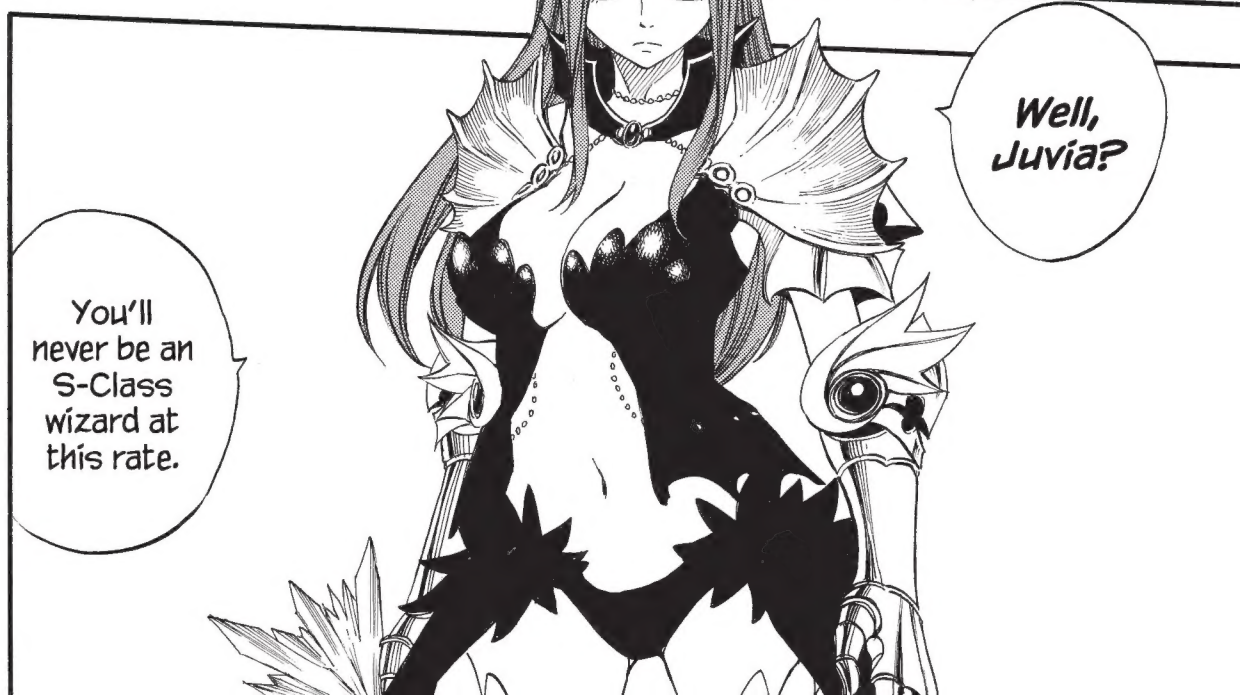


Armor of the Sea King!

It protects her completely against your attacks, Juvia!

She's strong ...!!!

Has she always been...this strong?



Well, Juvia?

You'll never be an S-Class wizard at this rate.

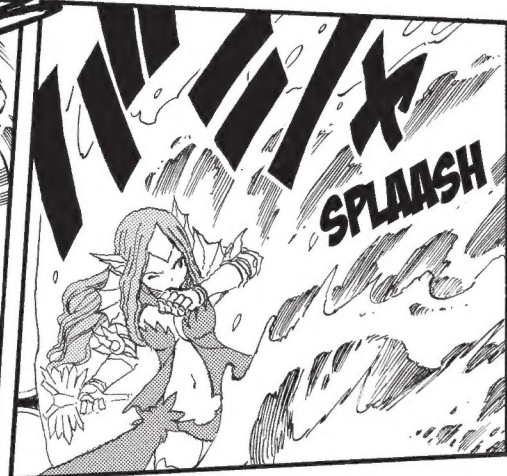
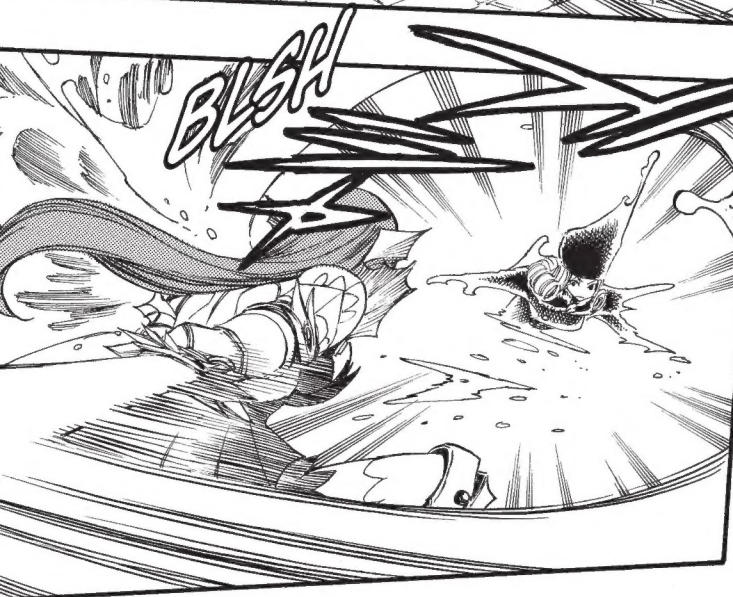




...beat  
you!!

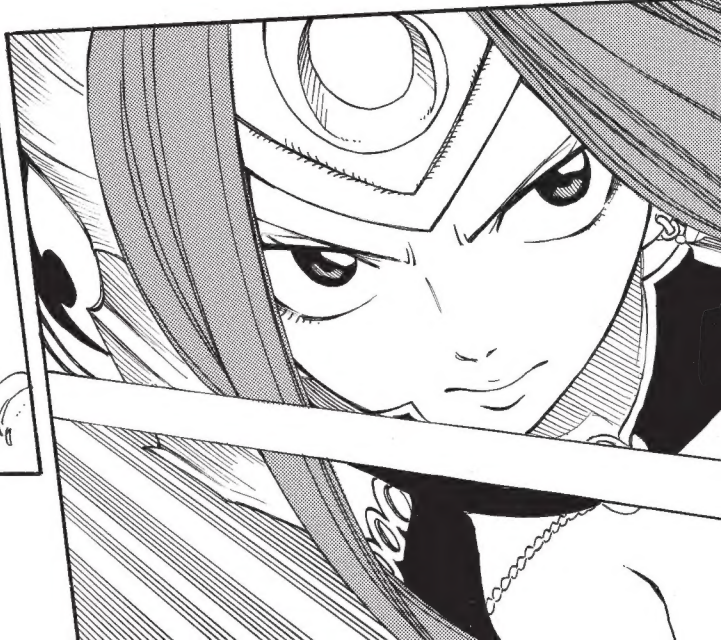
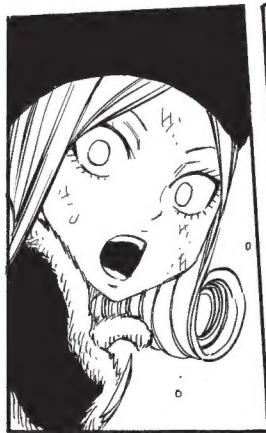
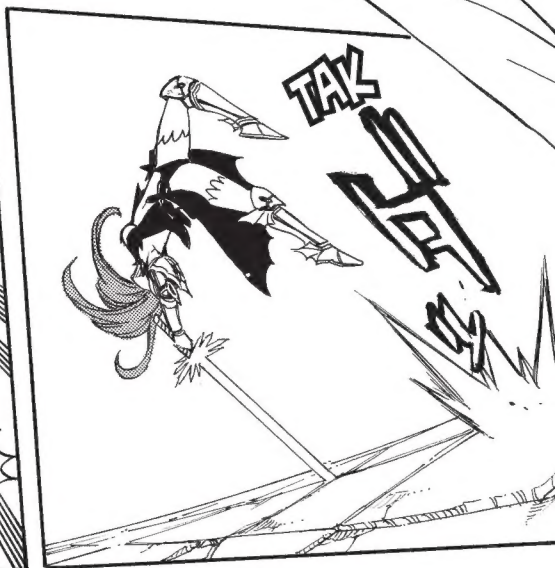


Juvia  
will...

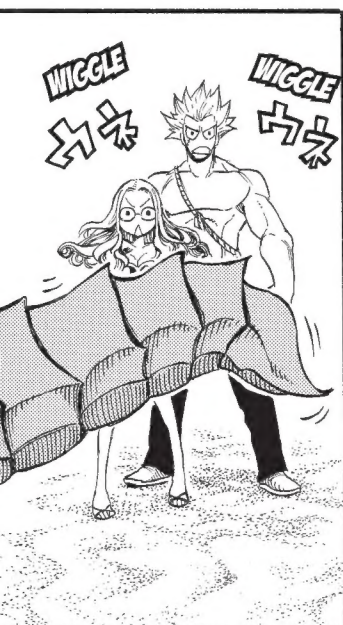
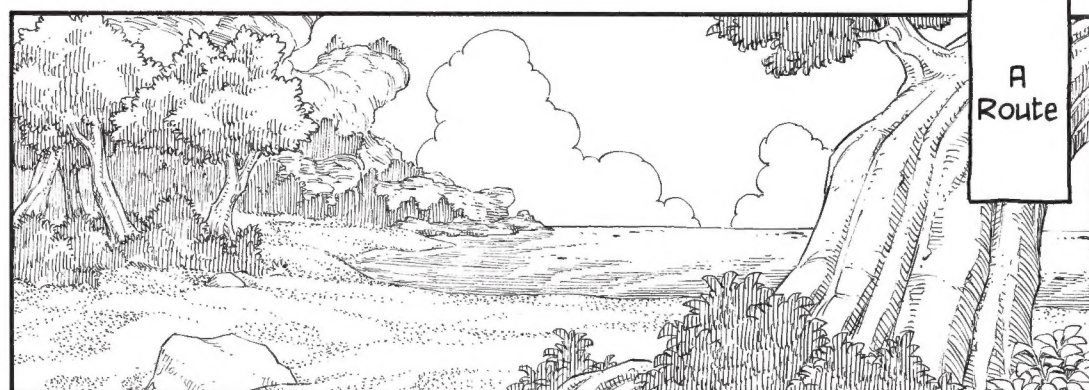
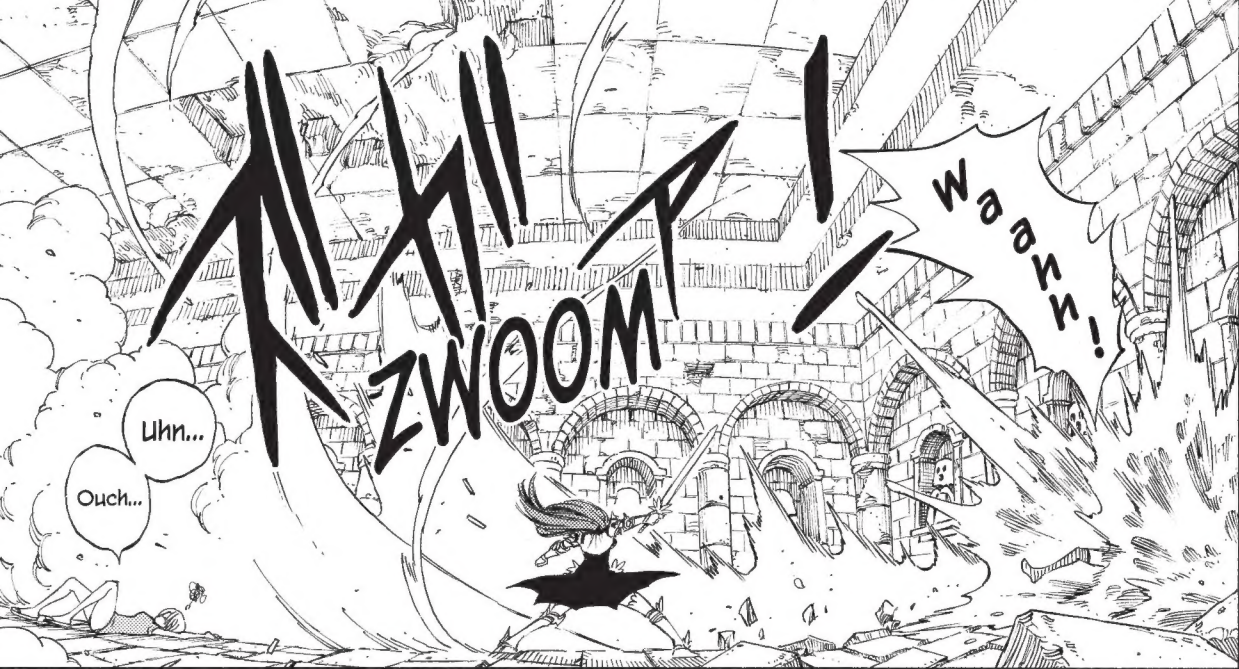


WATER  
SLICER  
!!!!











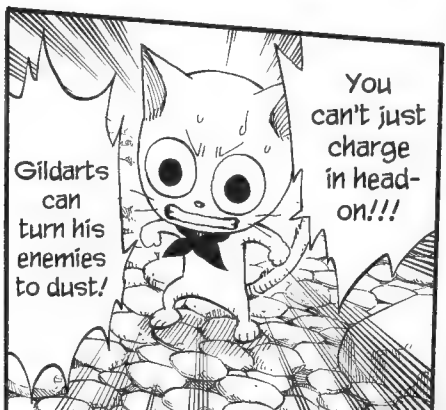
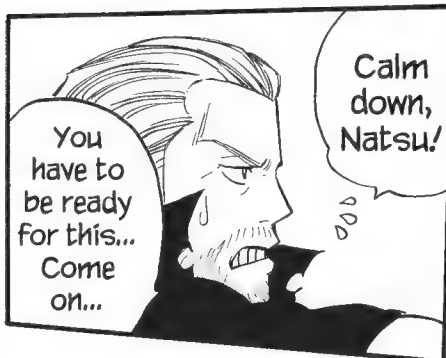


So this  
is a full-  
fledged...

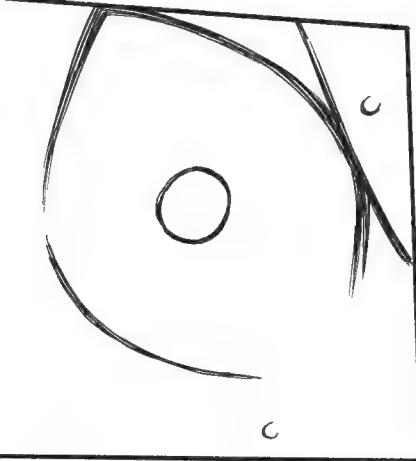
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!













No, I ain't!

Natsu's been crushed into pow-

I told you that I'm really bad at pulling my punches.

He's using Crush!!!!





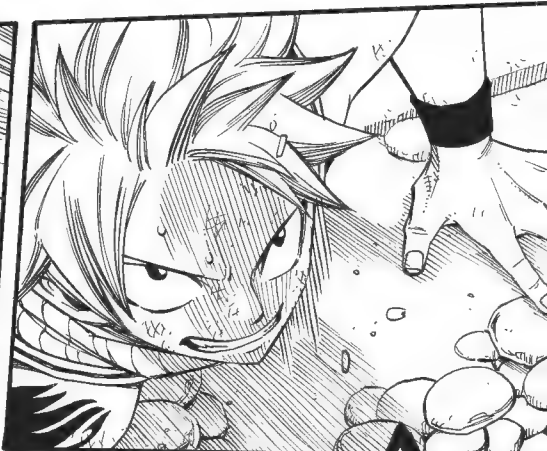




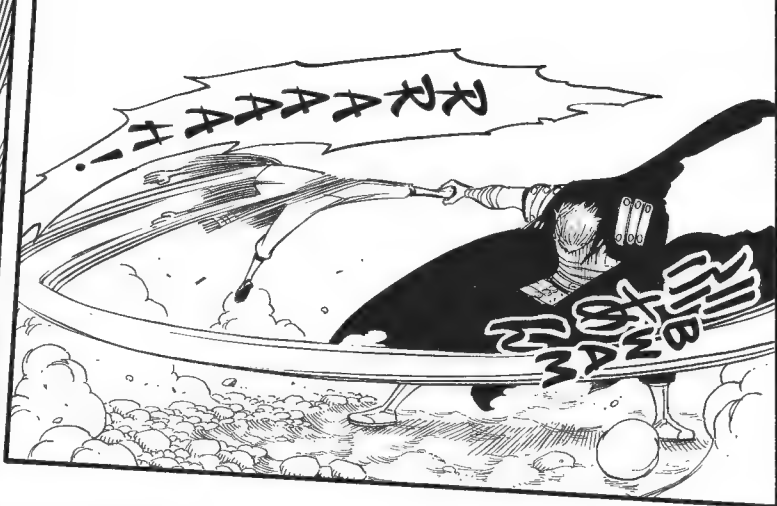
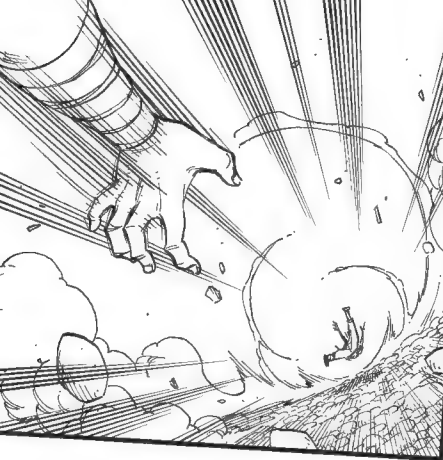
He  
broke  
the  
ground  
apart to  
soften  
the  
blow?





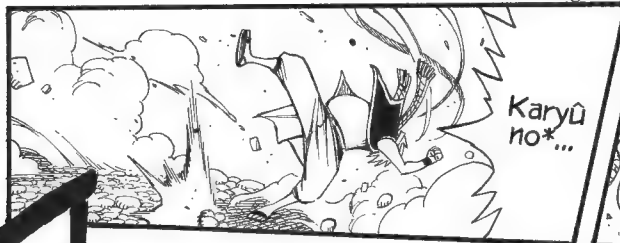






It's  
almost  
like he's  
smiling!

\*Fire Dragon's...



Karyû  
no\*...



\*\*...Roar!!!!

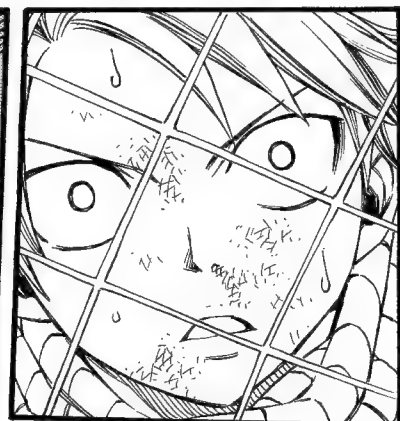


...  
**HÔKÔ\*\***  
**!!!!**

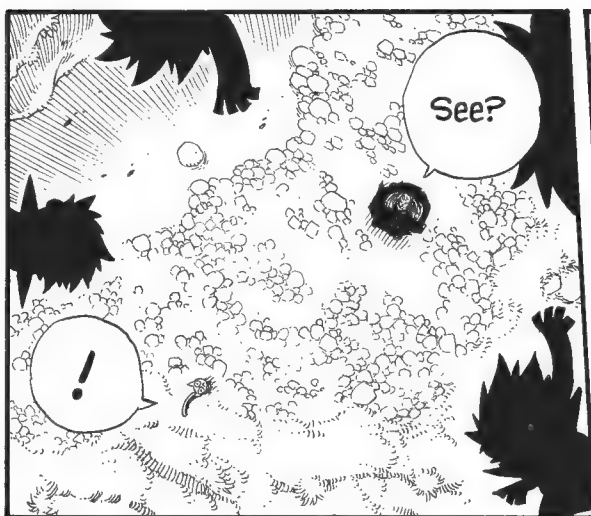
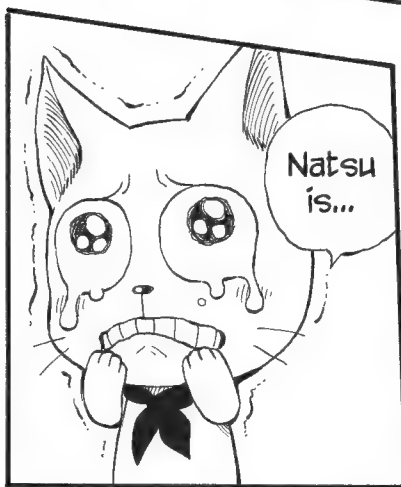














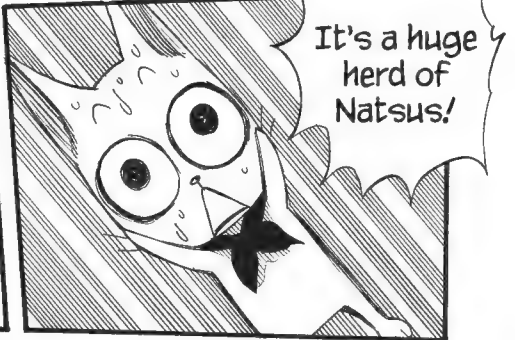






**Chapter 206: To Continue Down This Path**









Karyū no = Fire Dragon's. Hōkō = Roar. Tekken = Iron Fist. Kagizume = Claws.

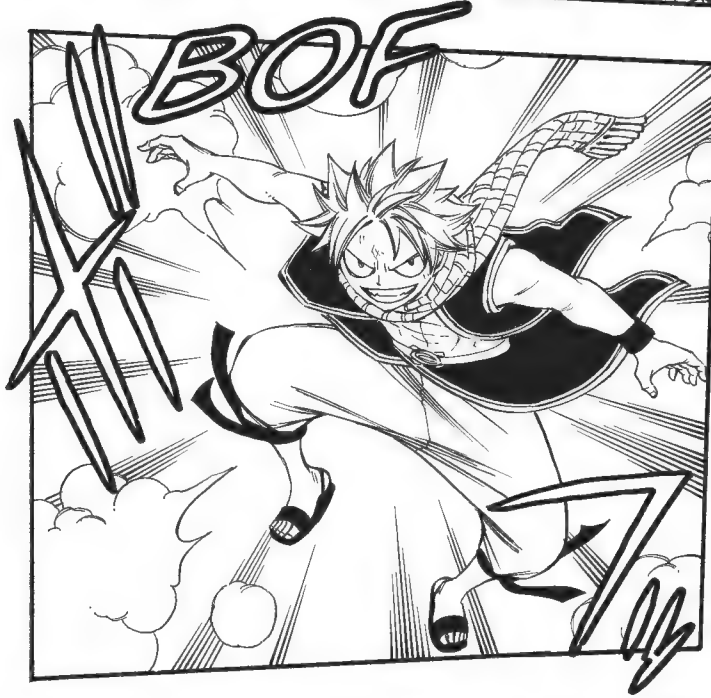




Go  
back to  
normal!



You  
miserable  
little...!!



BOF



GYOOM



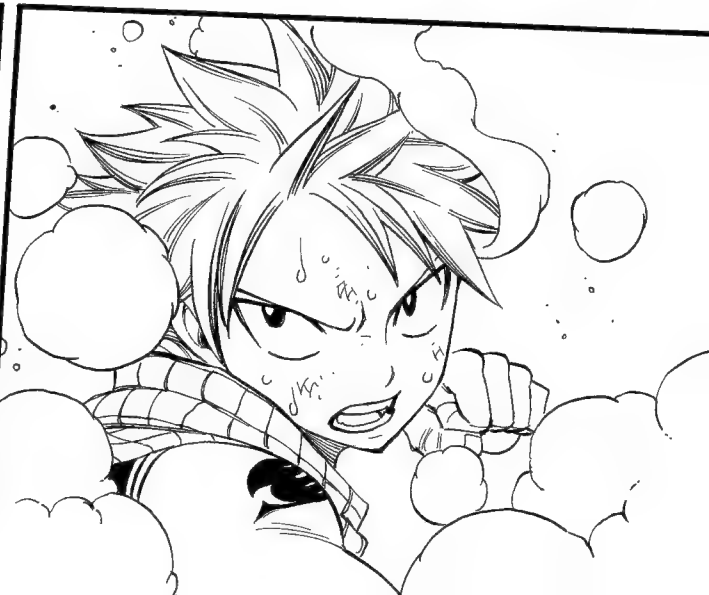
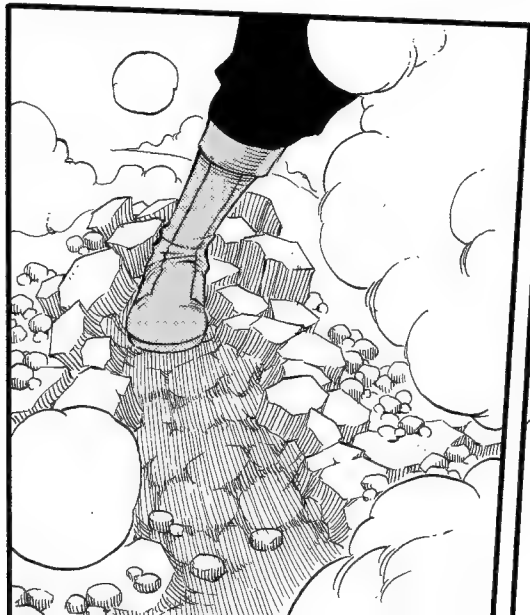
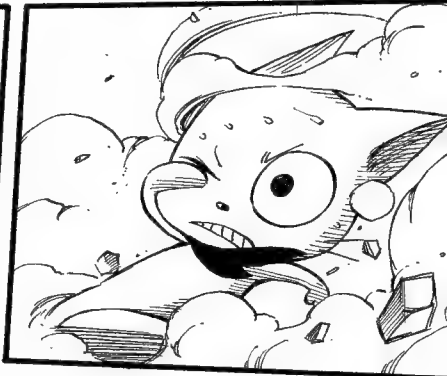
Now's  
my  
chance  
!!!!



\*Blazing Flashover Blade









Didn't it  
have any  
effect at  
all?!!



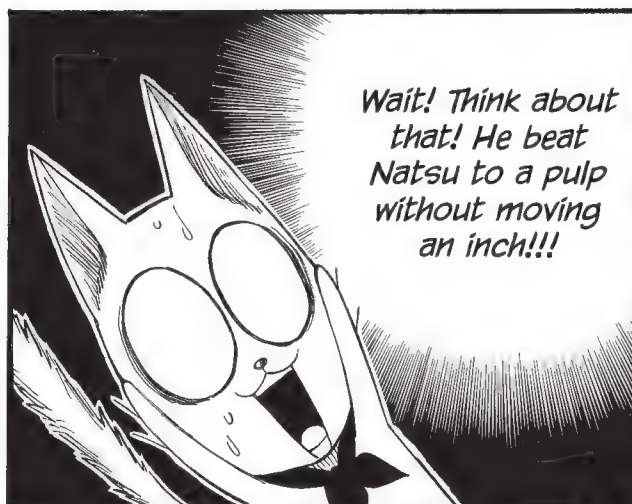
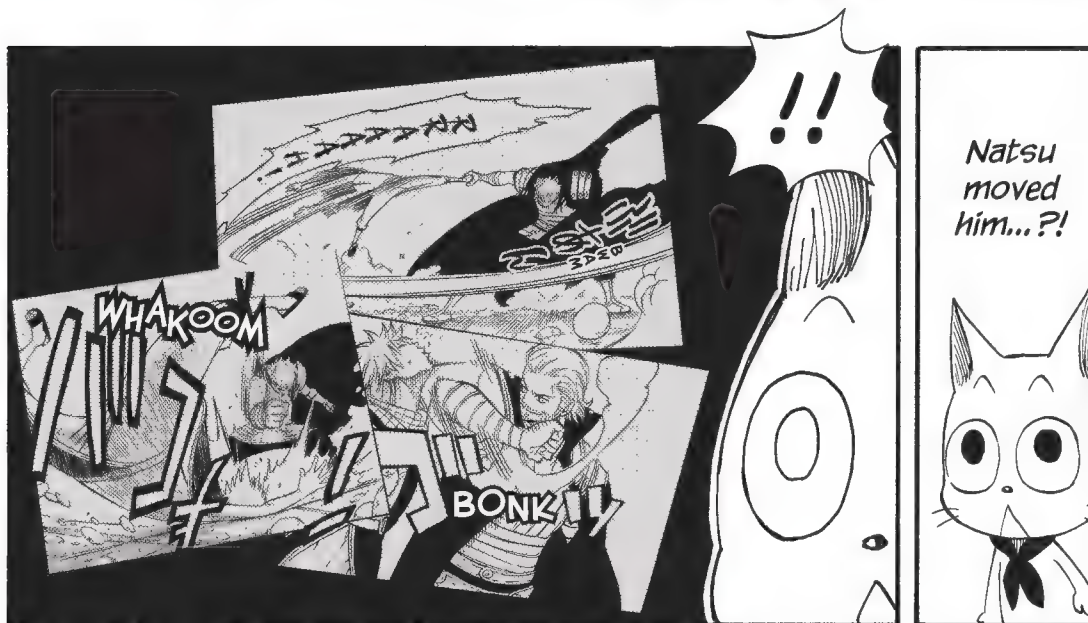
No  
way  
!!!

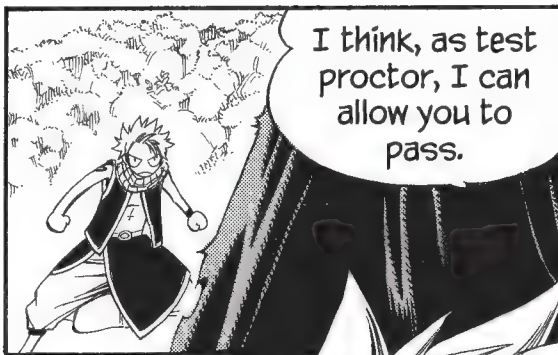
That  
was  
Natsu's  
full  
power!!



No, look  
closer,  
Happy!!!!










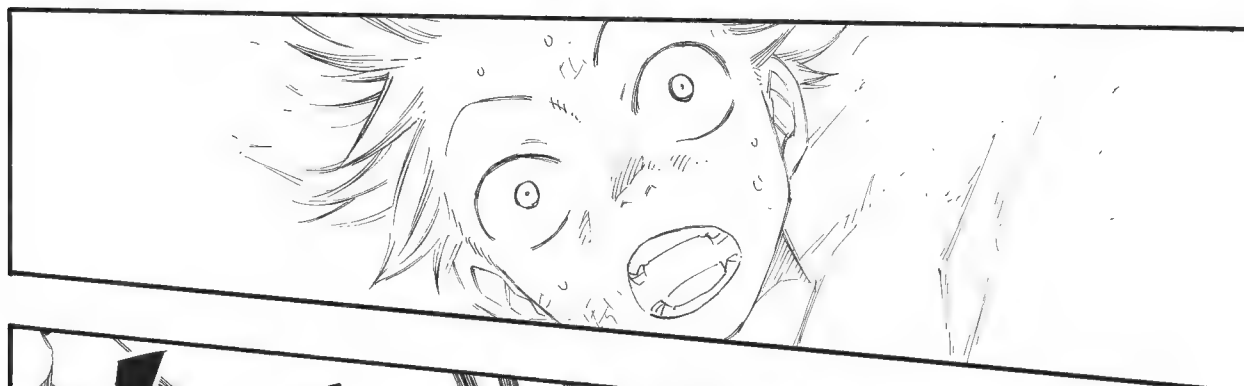




I'll let you  
know what  
that is!

DOK









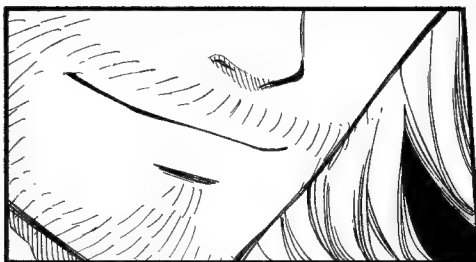
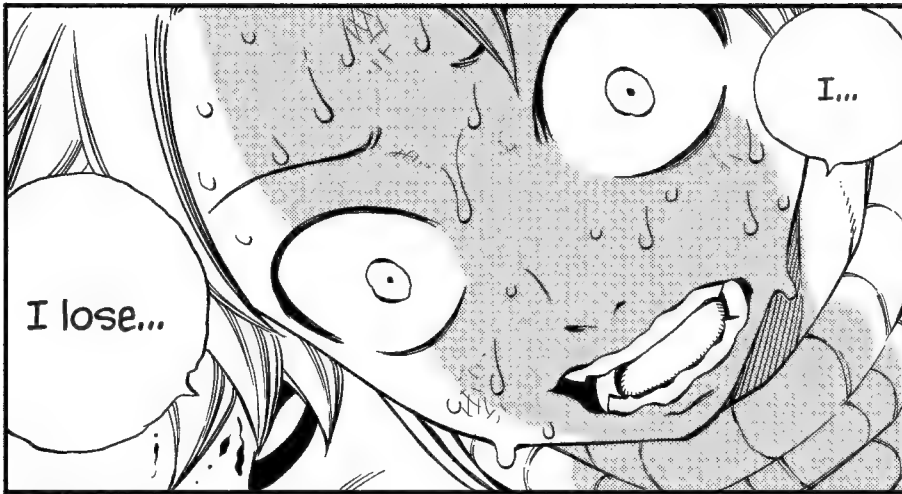
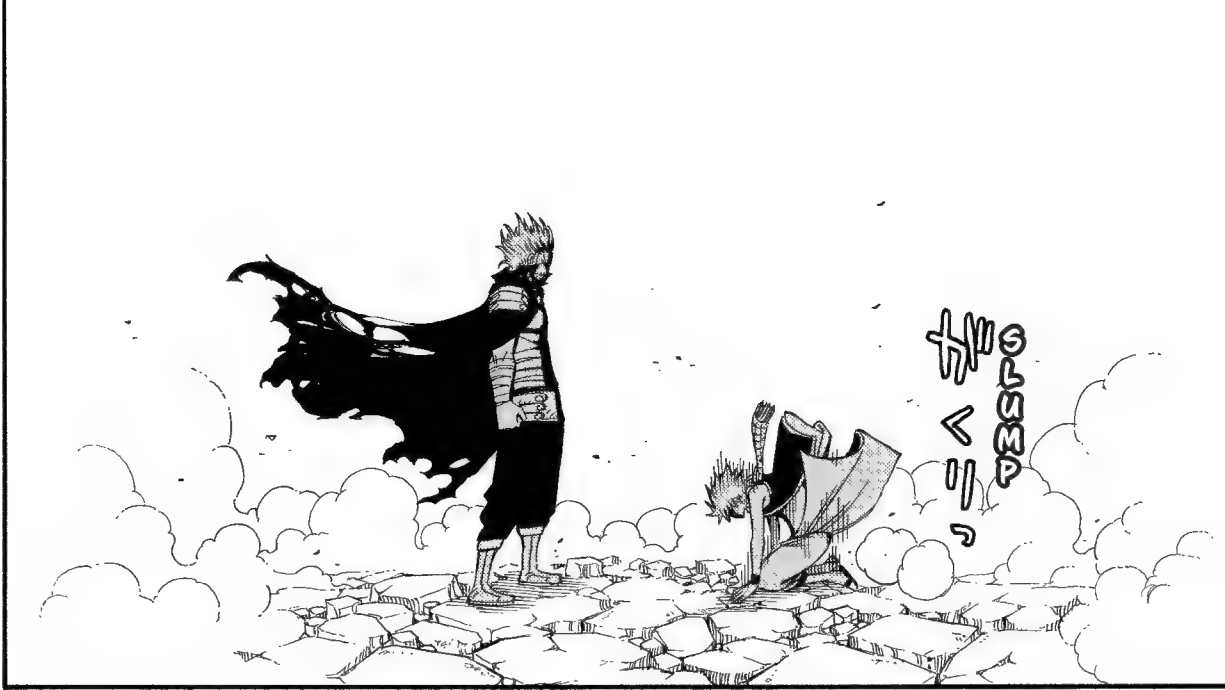


W  
a  
a  
a  
a  
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!!!









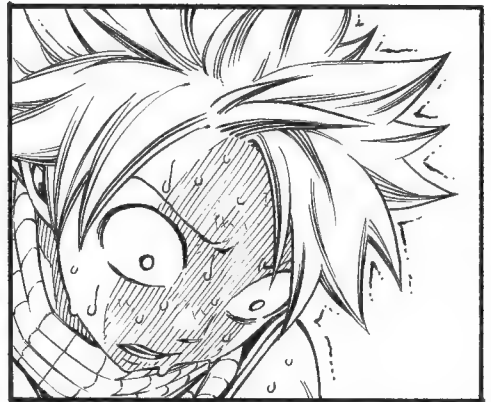


*Excellent.*



But the number of people with the bravery to place that "sword" back in its scabbard is very low.

I never fault anybody with the bravery to stand and face their enemy.



It's a necessary part of becoming an S-Class wizard.

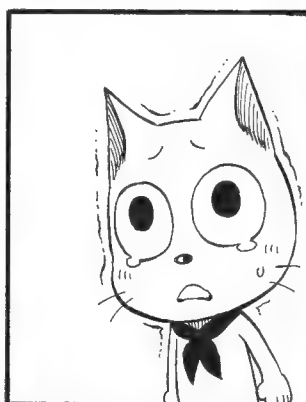
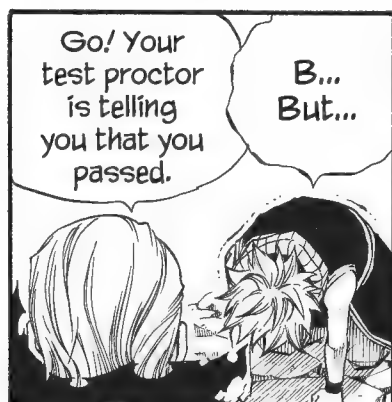
When people know their own weaknesses, they become stronger and gentler human beings.

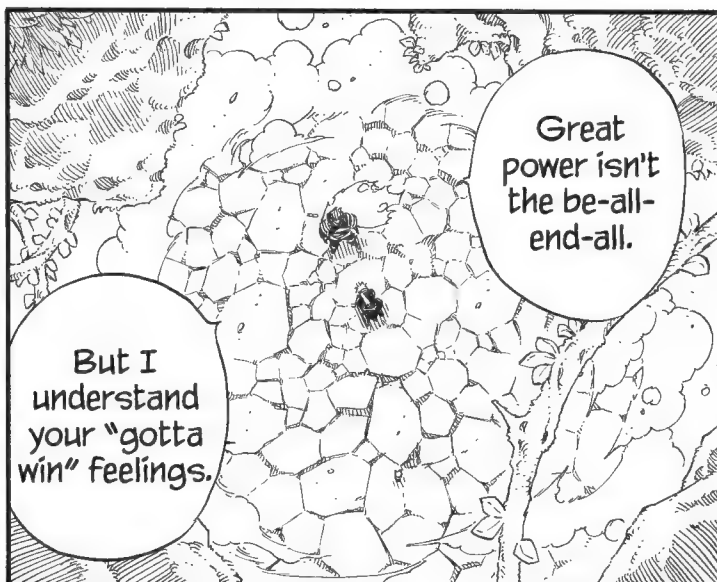
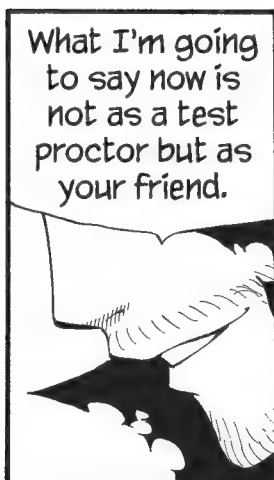


Fear is not an evil.

It's about knowing your own weaknesses.



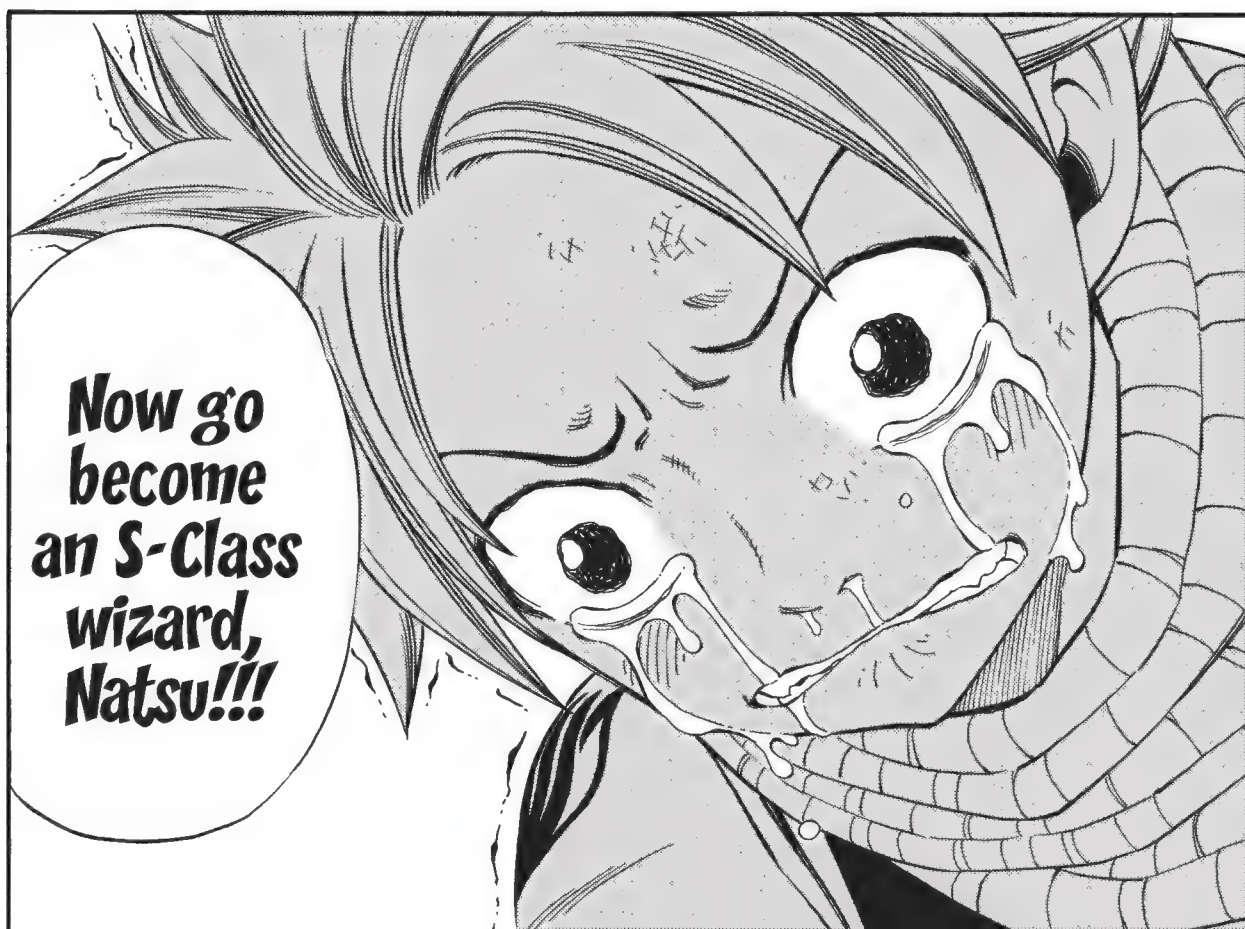




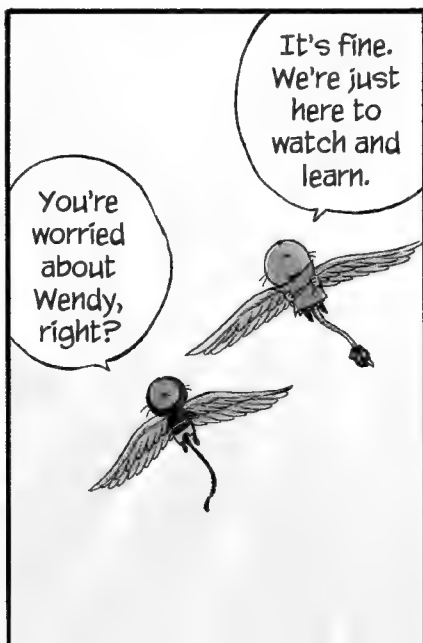




**I'll fight  
you again  
anytime.**



**Now go  
become  
an S-Class  
wizard,  
Natsu!!!**





## Chapter 207: Mest





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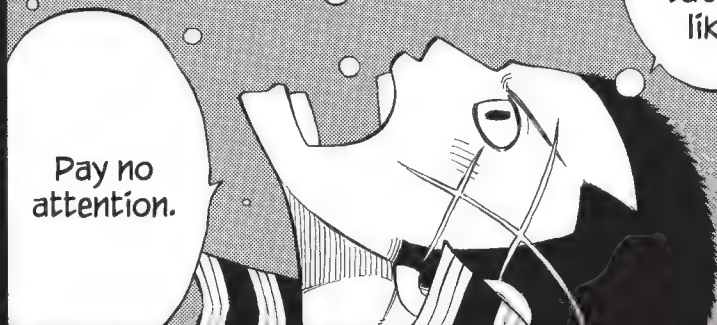






Okay.

What's with this guy?



Pay no attention.

I want to know what snow tastes like.



When there's something I want to know, I get caught up. It's a bad habit.

Forgive me.



Is that any way to ask for a favor?!!

Would you give me a hand?

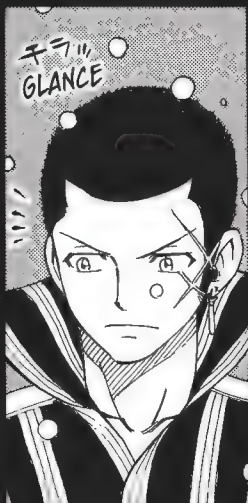


Please! Help me.

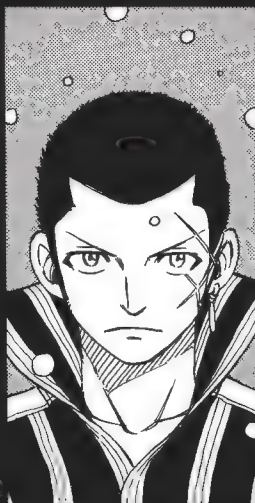
With your strength, I think I can understand the S-Class world.

Wendy!





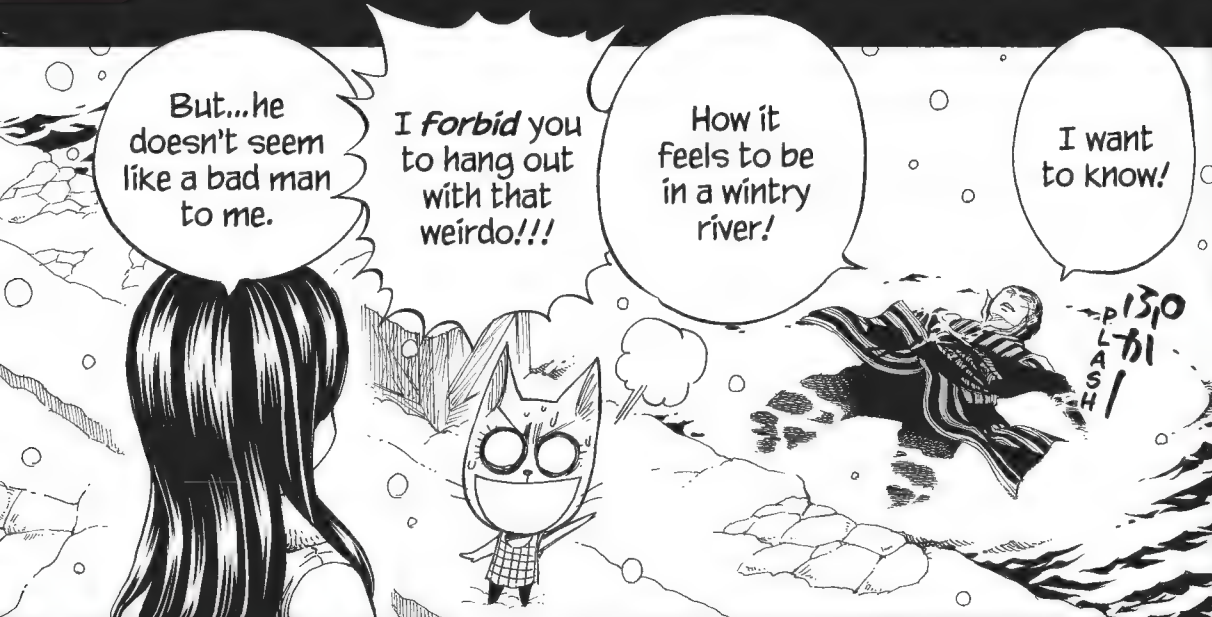
チラ  
GLANCE



Of  
course  
the  
answer  
is no!!

Huh...?  
But...

I  
couldn't  
...



But...he  
doesn't seem  
like a bad man  
to me.

I forbid you  
to hang out  
with that  
weirdo!!!

How it  
feels to be  
in a wintry  
river!

I want  
to know!

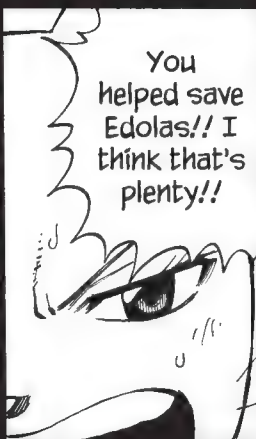
PLASH!



No  
means  
no!!!

But that's  
only true in  
hindsight!

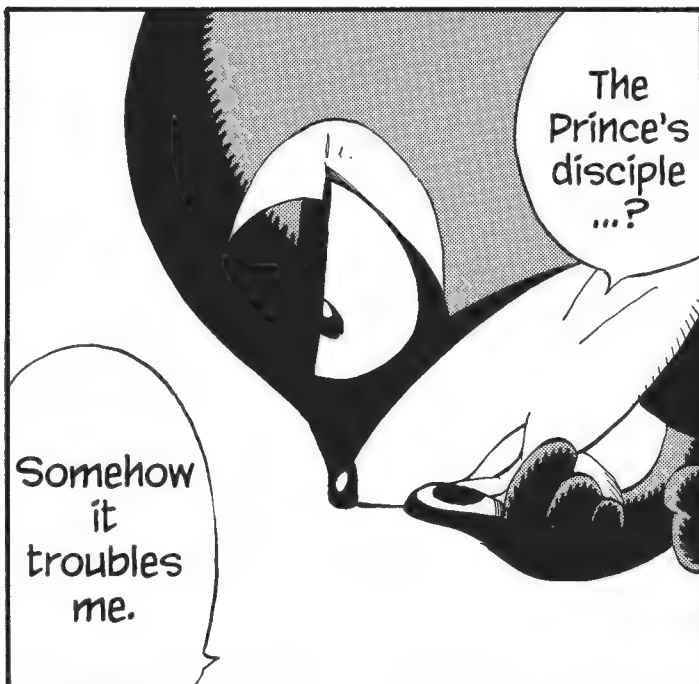
I didn't  
do that on  
purpose...



You  
helped save  
Edolas!! I  
think that's  
plenty!!

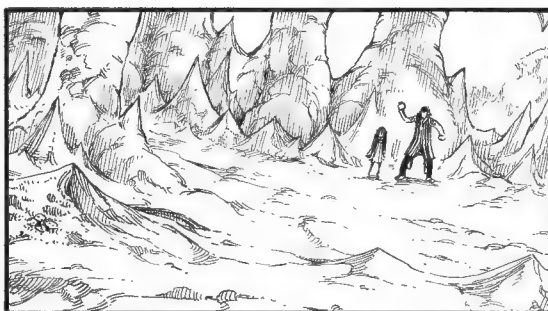
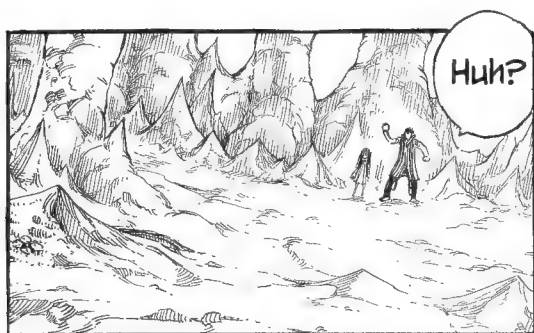


Besides, Mystogan  
saved my life, and  
I wasn't able to do  
anything for him in  
return.













NO



No... It's okay. More importantly, are you all right?



It's because I wasn't any help...  
Waah...



Awww! I flunked for another year...

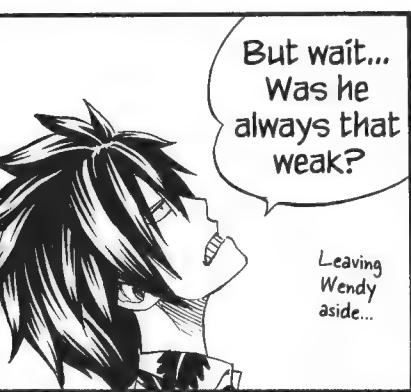
And I said I'd do my best for you...



Great!!  
We've gotten through the first test!!

Assuming that Natsu and Fried made it easily through the first test...

...then we've got a pretty clear shot.  
No... Cana could be pretty scary.



But wait...  
Was he always that weak?

Leaving Wendy aside...



Actually, I think we did a great job in beating Mest.



Yeah, I know that.

Don't say that, idiot!! There's no "clear path" to becoming an S-Class wizard!



Hey!  
Don't you  
go playing  
the amnesia  
card!

Lucy would  
sure get a  
kick out of  
that!

Huh...? I  
just can't  
remem-  
ber!

Have  
I *ever*  
fought  
the guy  
in the  
past?



It's just  
that we're  
stronger  
now.

I get the  
feeling he  
used to be  
stronger  
...



If I  
remember  
right...  
yeah.

They say  
that Mest  
made it  
pretty far  
in the test  
last time,  
right?



So who was  
his partner  
last time?







Anyway, congrats.

Who's lucky?! I haven't gotten to beat up anybody yet!

We were lucky to get the "Peace and Quiet" route, huh?

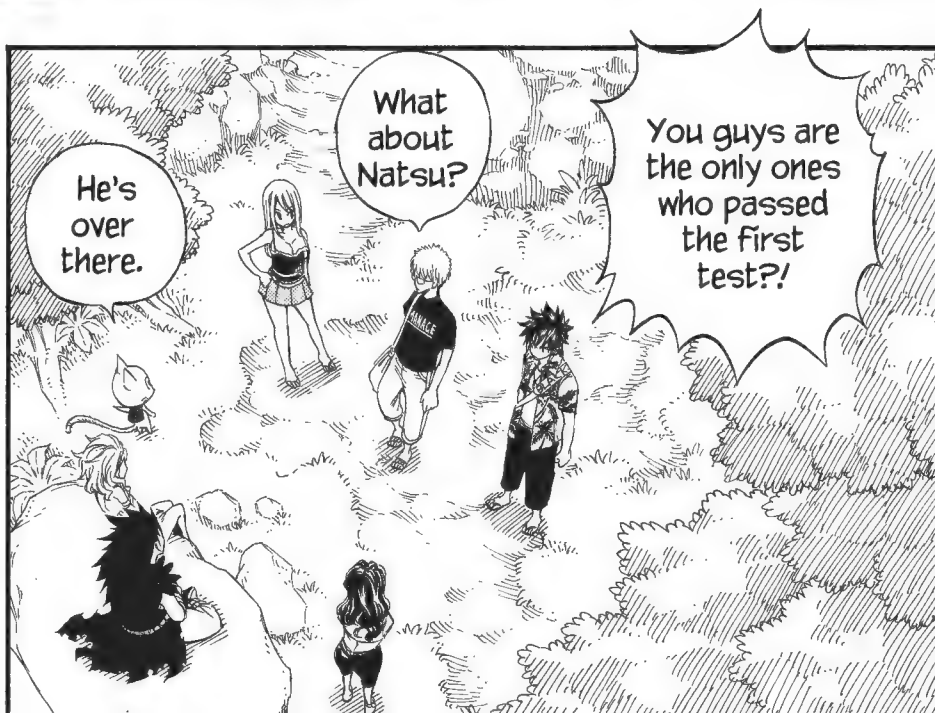
I knew you guys would pass the first test.

HEART KREUZ



Now... I suppose we're all here, hm?

SHK  
HI  
HI

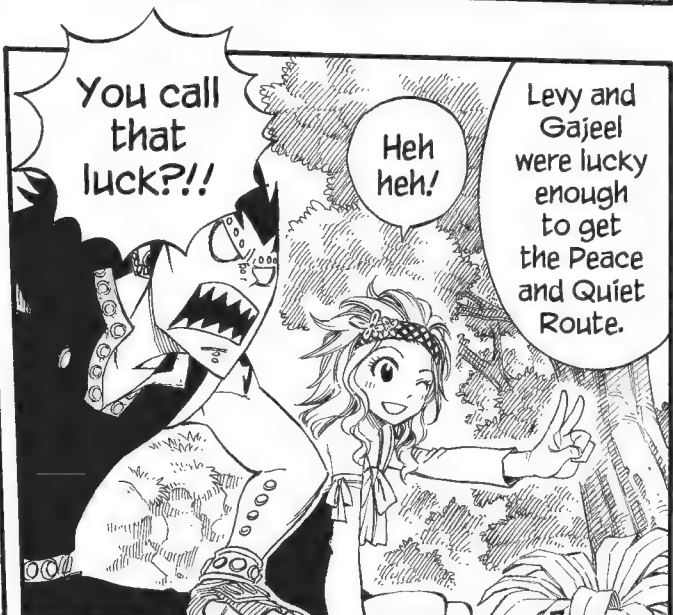
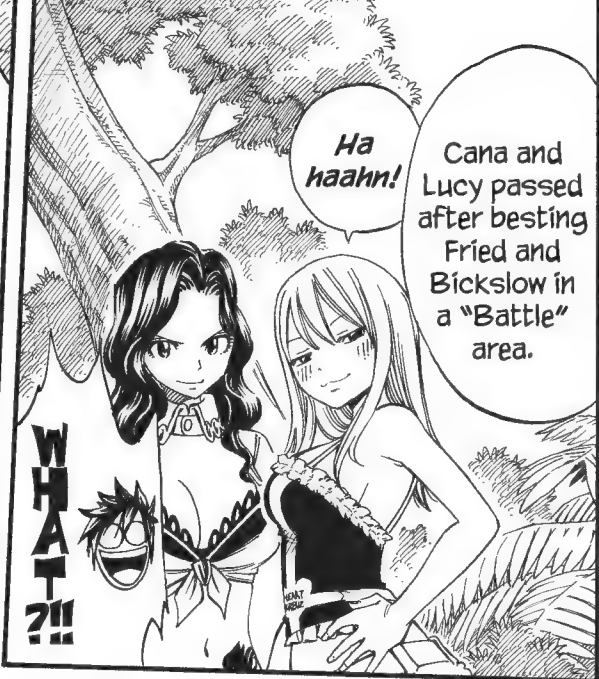


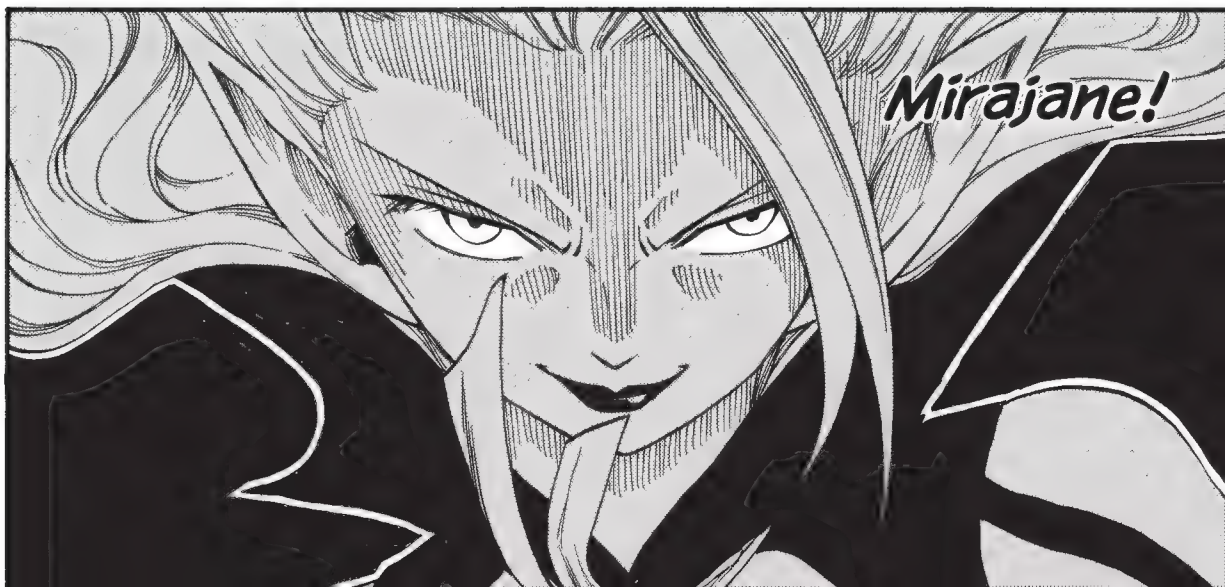
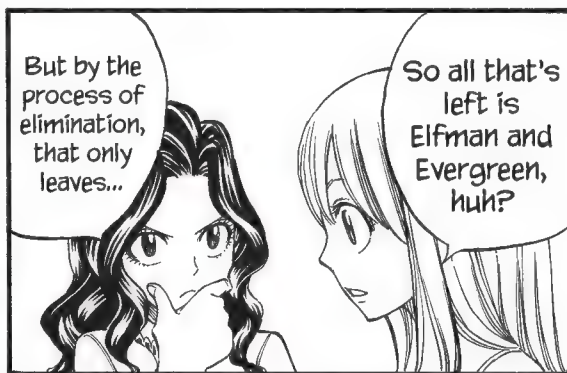
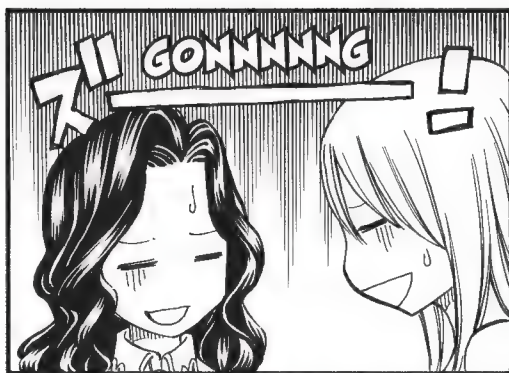
He's over there.

What about Natsu?

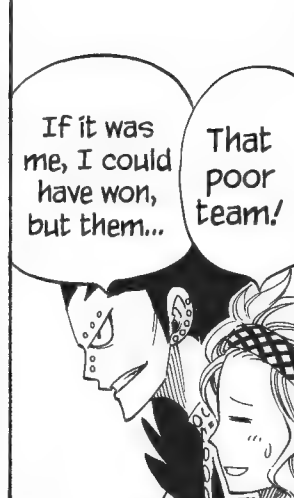
You guys are the only ones who passed the first test?!











If it was me, I could have won, but them...

That poor team!

Hold it one minute!!



We've passed the first test!!

We're here! We defeated big sis!



What did they do?!

All I'll say is we took advantage of a momentary distraction.

I can't say! As a man!



How'd you get past Mira?



What ?!

In any case...



AHEM!

NEXT

PASSED THE FIRST TEST!!

These five teams...



FIERCE  
BATTLE

...pass  
the first  
test!

FIERCE  
BATTLE

PEACE  
AND  
QUIET

FIERCE  
BATTLE ?

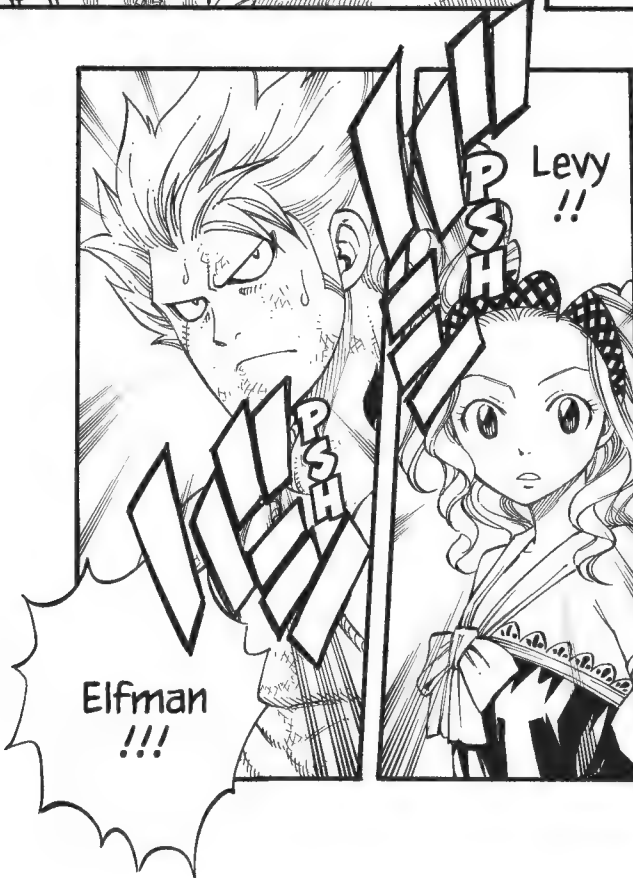
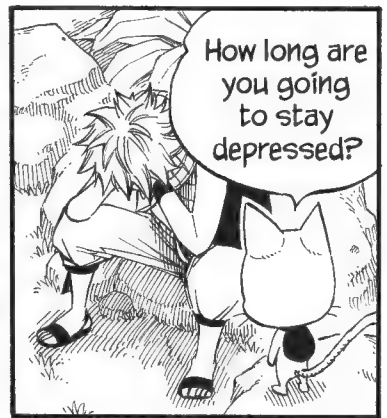
BATTLE

BATTLE

...start  
the  
second  
test.

So  
we will  
now...



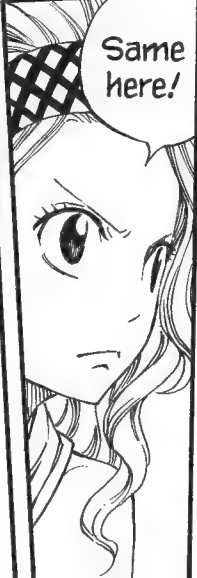




**I'll take  
you all on  
to become  
an S-Class  
wizard  
!!!!**



**I accept  
your  
challenge  
as a  
man!!!!**



**Same  
here!**



**I won't  
lose to  
you of all  
people!**

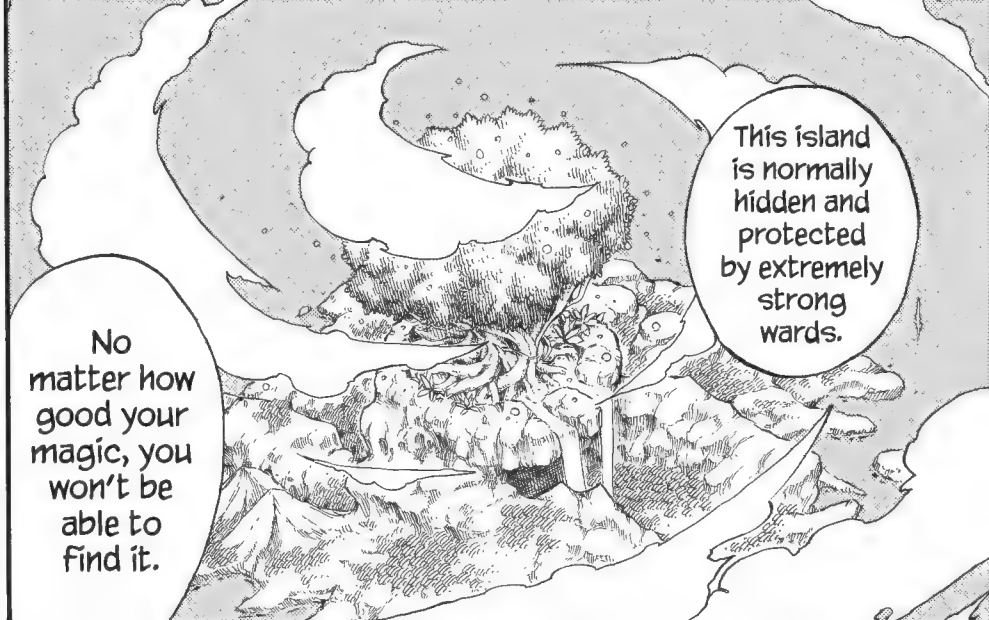






Really?

They wouldn't do all of that just to hide Mavis' grave.



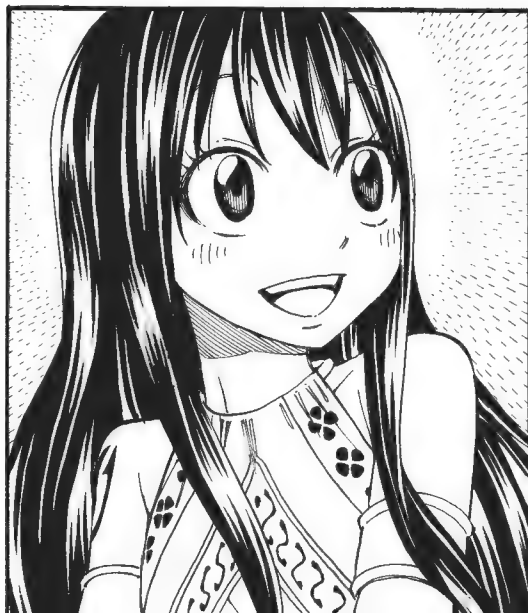
This island is normally hidden and protected by extremely strong wards.

No matter how good your magic, you won't be able to find it.



...being hidden on this island!

There's a *huge* secret that has to do with Fairy Tail...

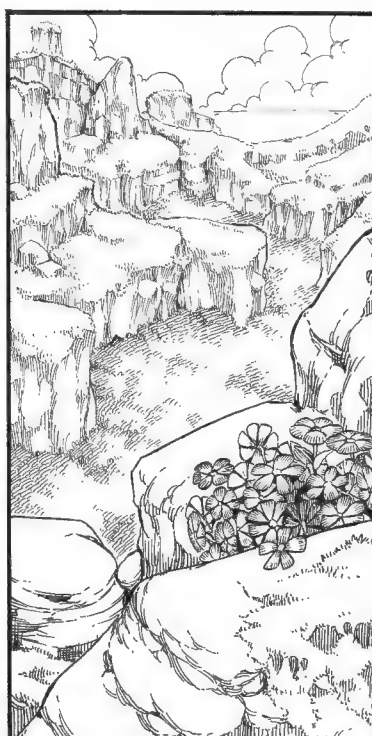
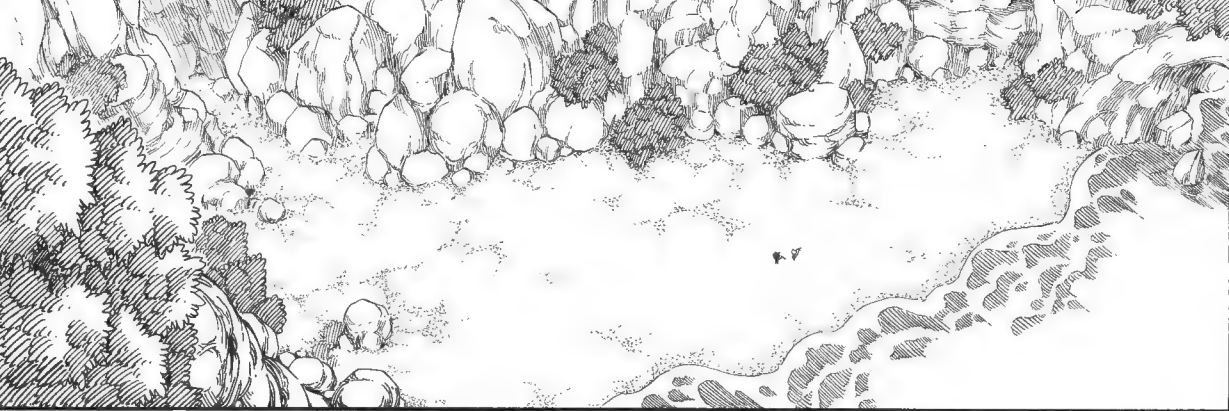


I don't know either.

What do you think? Want to investigate?

What is the secret?









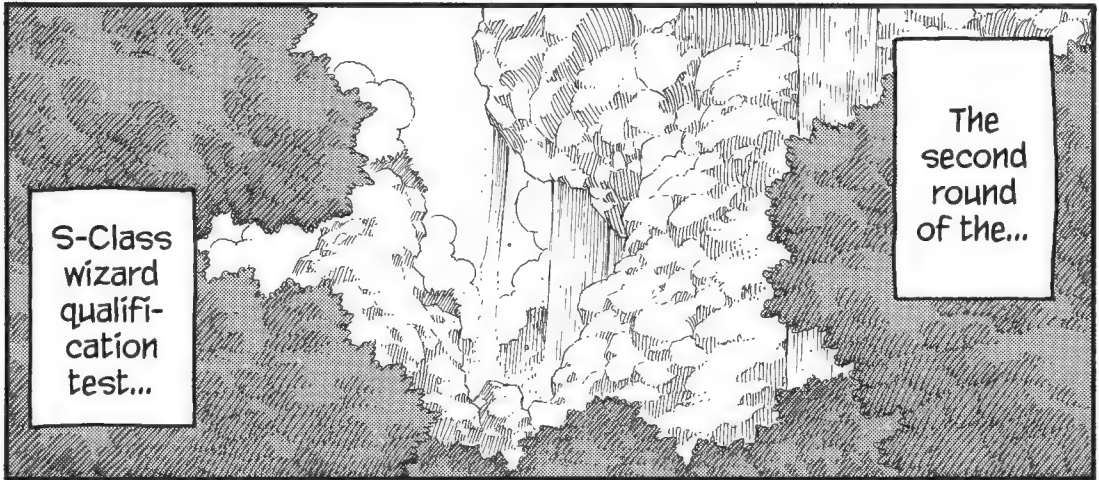
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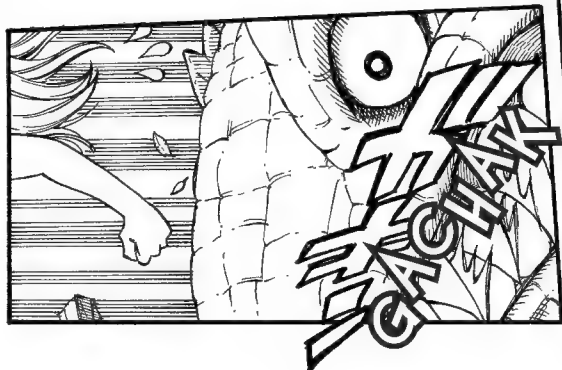






## Chapter 208: Predator of Death









Then why're you running?!

This ain't nothing compared to becoming an S-Class wizard!!!!



Shut up!! Don't order me around!

This way, Evergreen!



I-I think I'm gonna die...

What's with this island?!



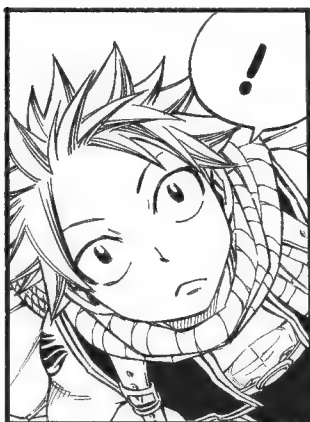
...  
my  
test  
!!!!

Quit  
gettin' in  
the way  
of...









This second test is harder than I thought.

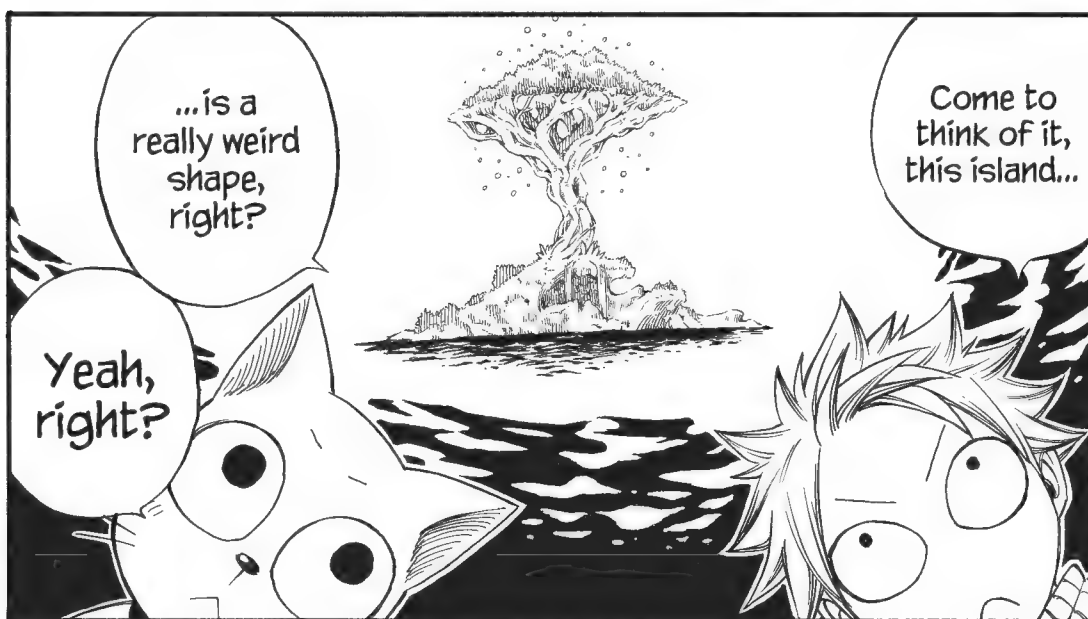
But here we are looking for a grave with no hints or anything!



...is a really weird shape, right?

Yeah, right?

Come to think of it, this island...



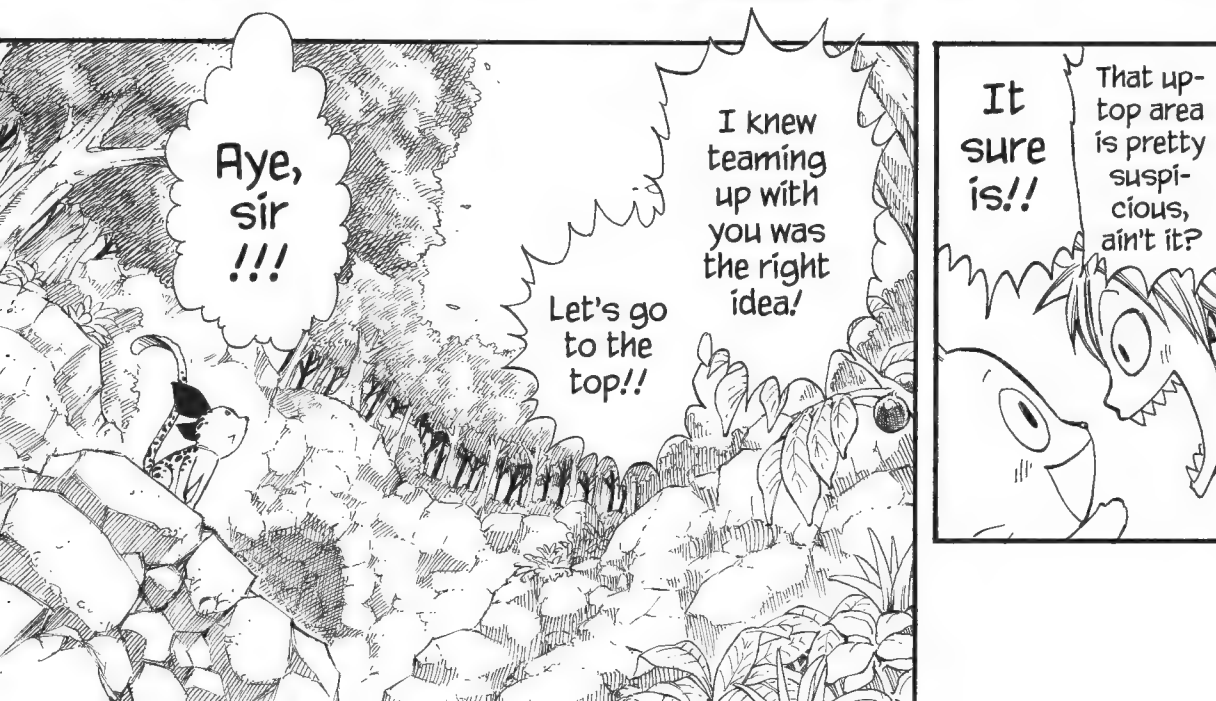
Aye, sir !!!

I knew teaming up with you was the right idea!

Let's go to the top!!

It sure is!!

That up-top area is pretty suspicious, ain't it?







Sirius  
Island  
Temp-  
orary  
Base

What  
?!!



...  
married  
?!!!

Elfman  
and Ever-  
green are  
getting...

GLUB GLUB  
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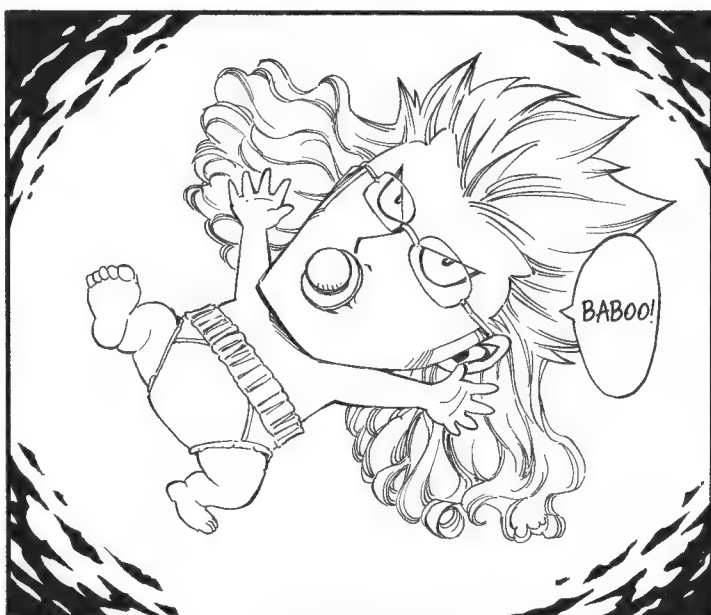
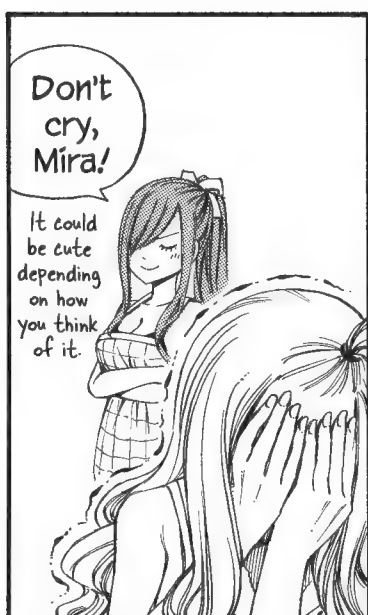
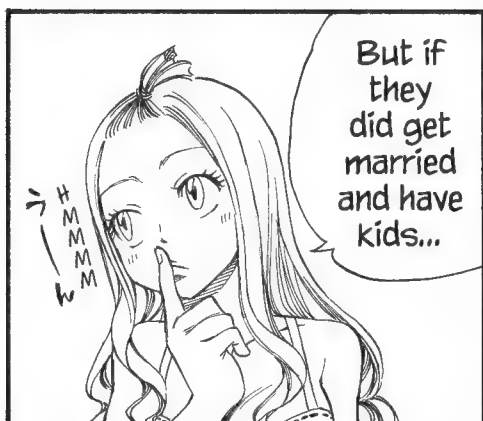
No... I think  
they said it just to  
shake me. That was  
probably their plan.  
I shouldn't have let  
that get to me.

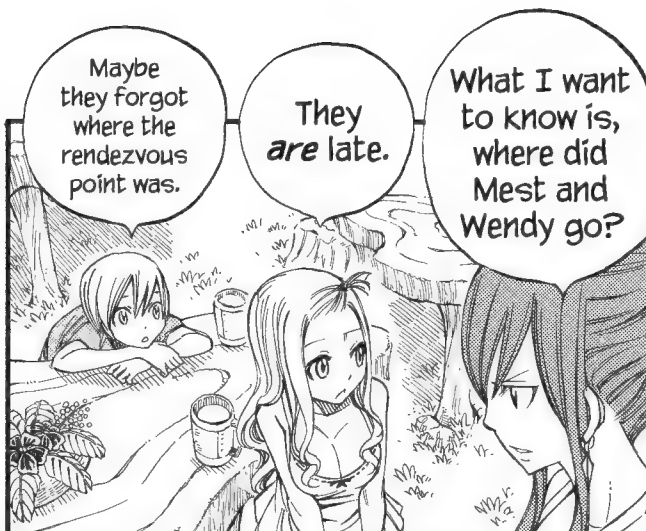
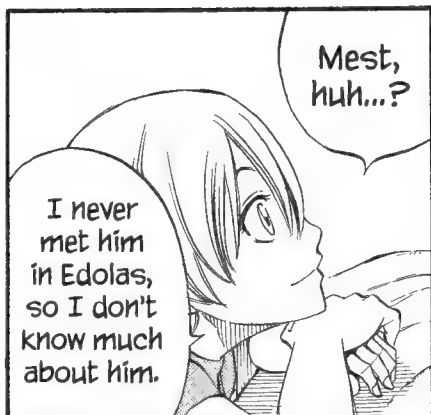
Wait a second!!  
When is the  
ceremony?! Wait  
a second. When'd  
they even start  
going out?!!

LIVSSH



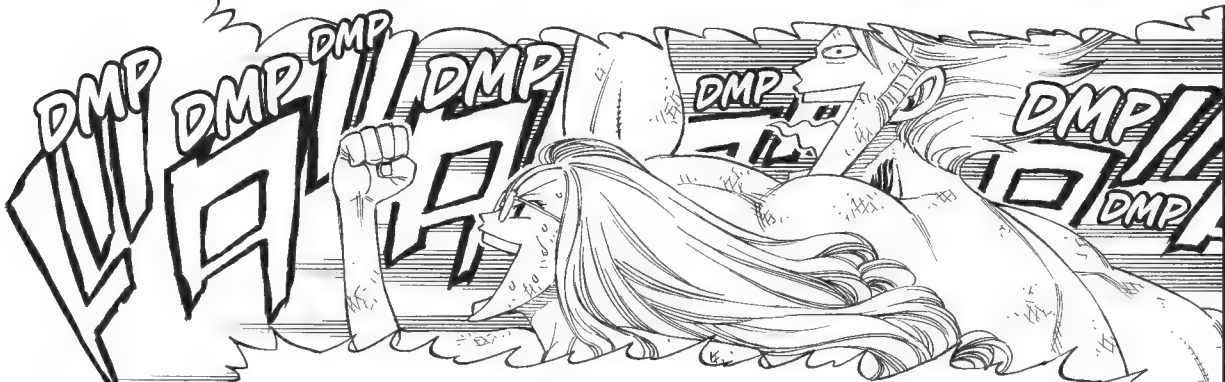
...And while  
I was in  
shock from  
the news,  
they hit me  
with one big  
attack.





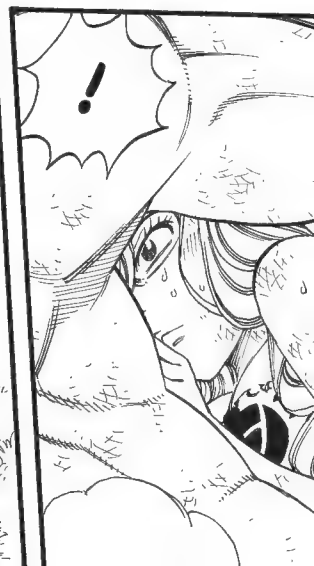


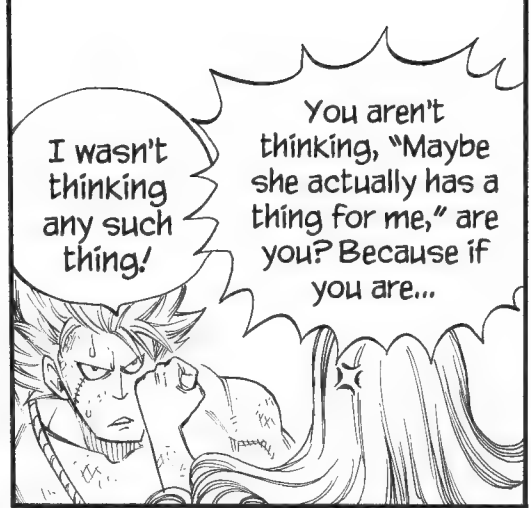
A MAN CAN'T RUN FROM AN ENEMY!!!!



SHUT UP!!!! CAN'T YOU KEEP QUIET FOR ONE MINUTE!!!!











At least here, I thought that there wouldn't be anybody...



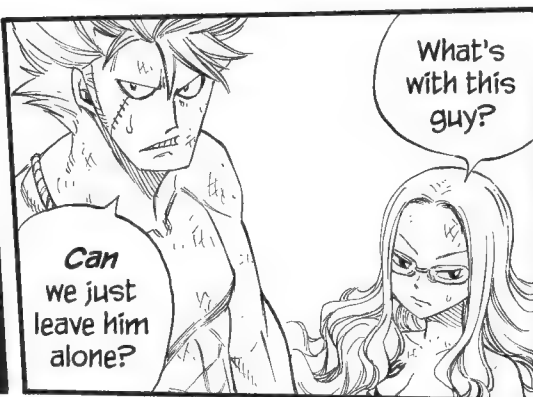
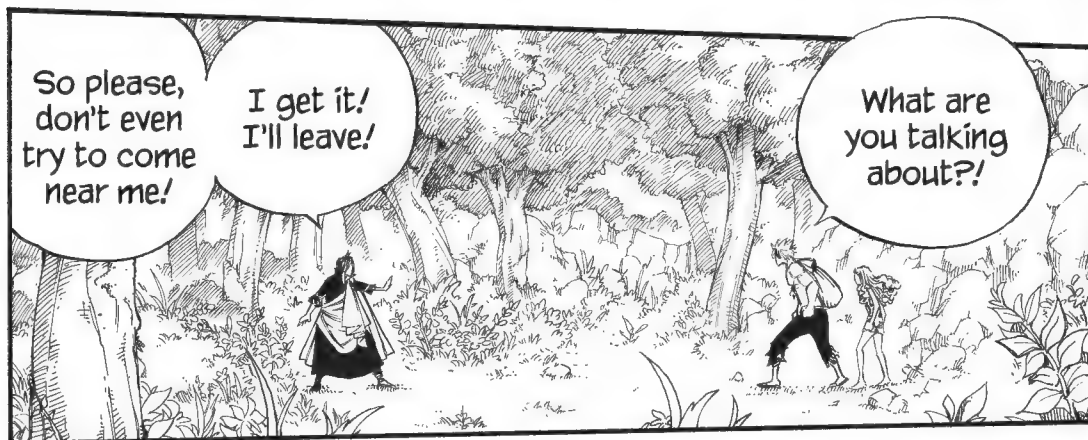
I see... This island is being managed by a guild.

Guild?

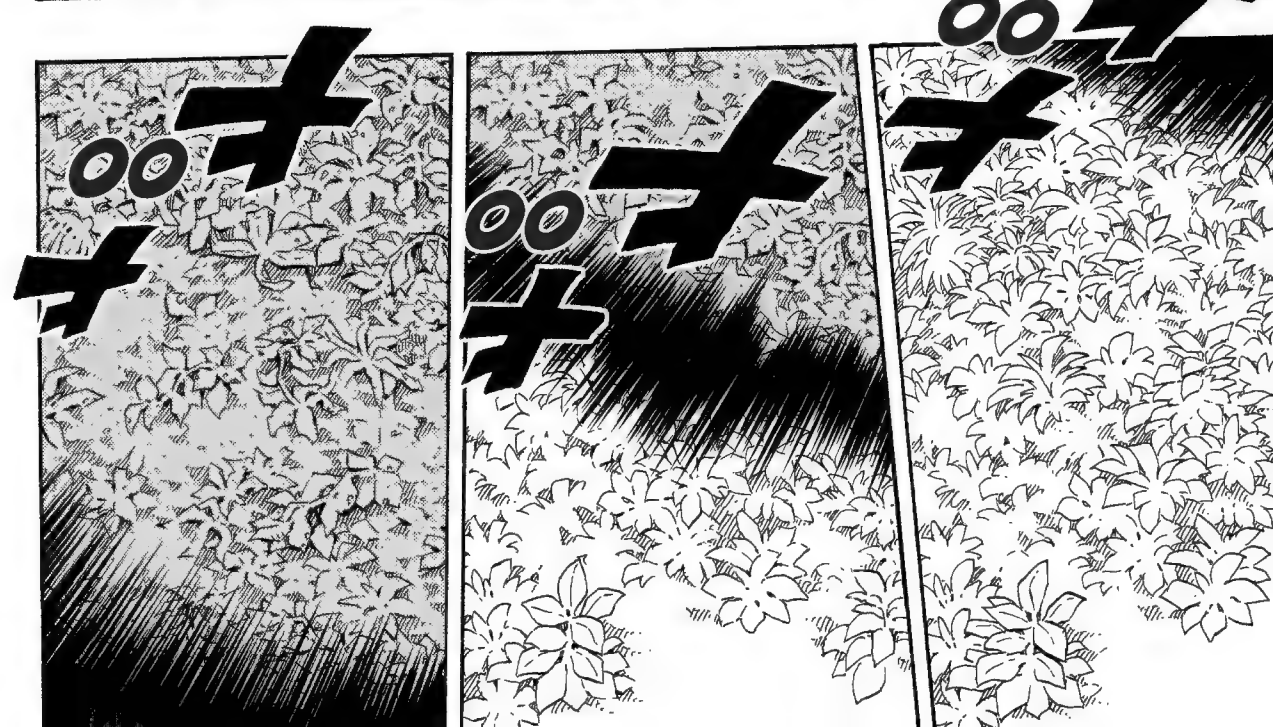
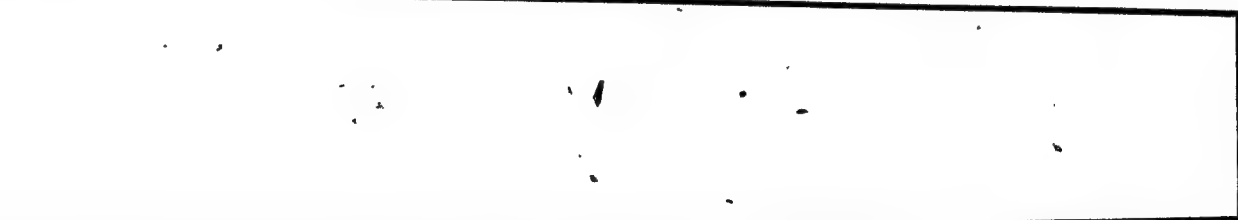


Only guild members are allowed on this island!

Who the hell're you?!!













*Natsu*

...



**Who**

...

...  
**are  
you  
?!!!!**



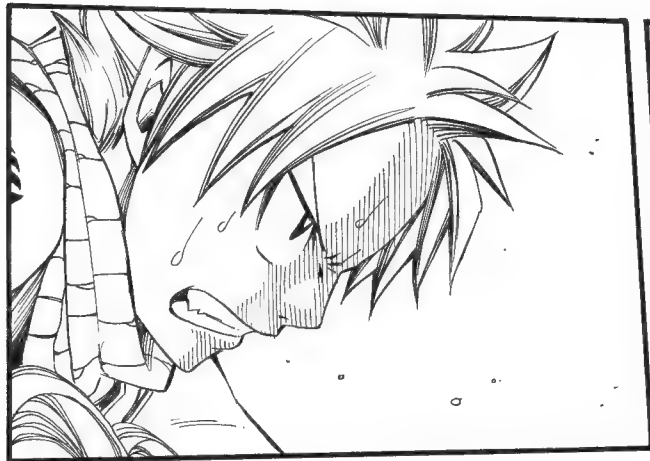
## Chapter 209: The Black Wizard





D-Don't  
startle me  
like that...

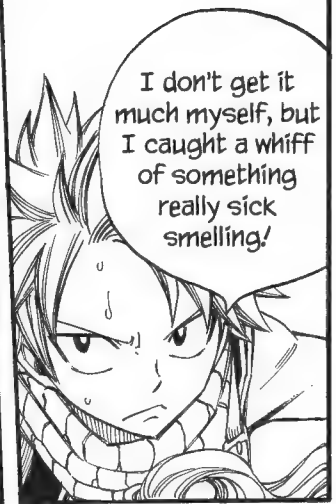
Natsu...  
What are  
you doing  
here...?!



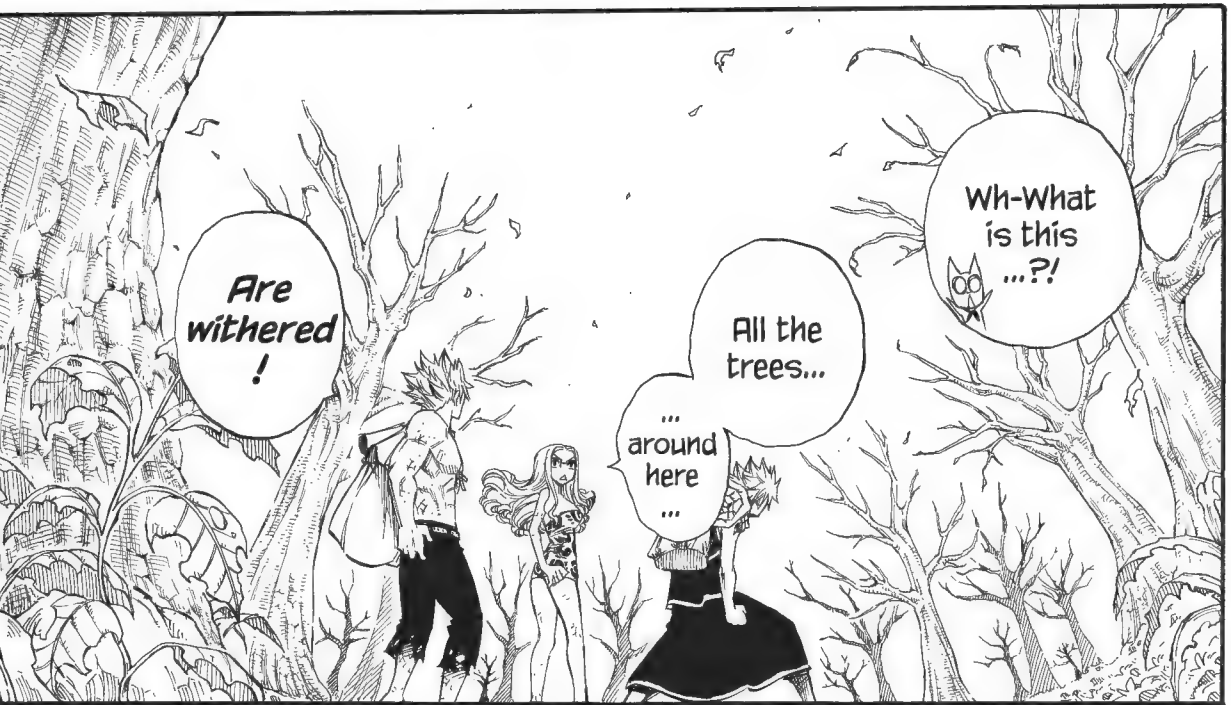
I thought  
we were  
going to  
the top!

What'd  
you do  
for  
all of a  
sudden  
?!!

Natsu!!!



I don't get it much myself, but I caught a whiff of something really sick smelling!



**Are withered !**

All the trees...

... around here ...

Wh-What is this ...?!



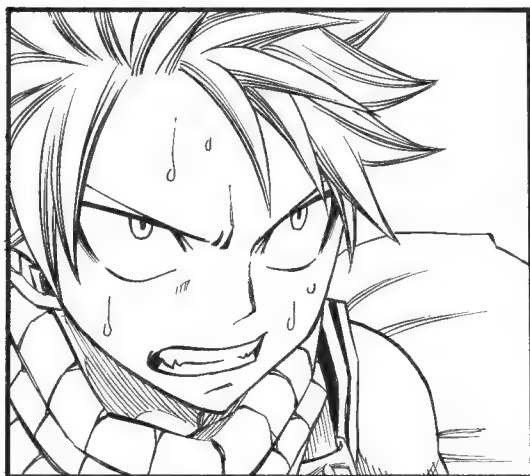
He's no ordinary wizard!



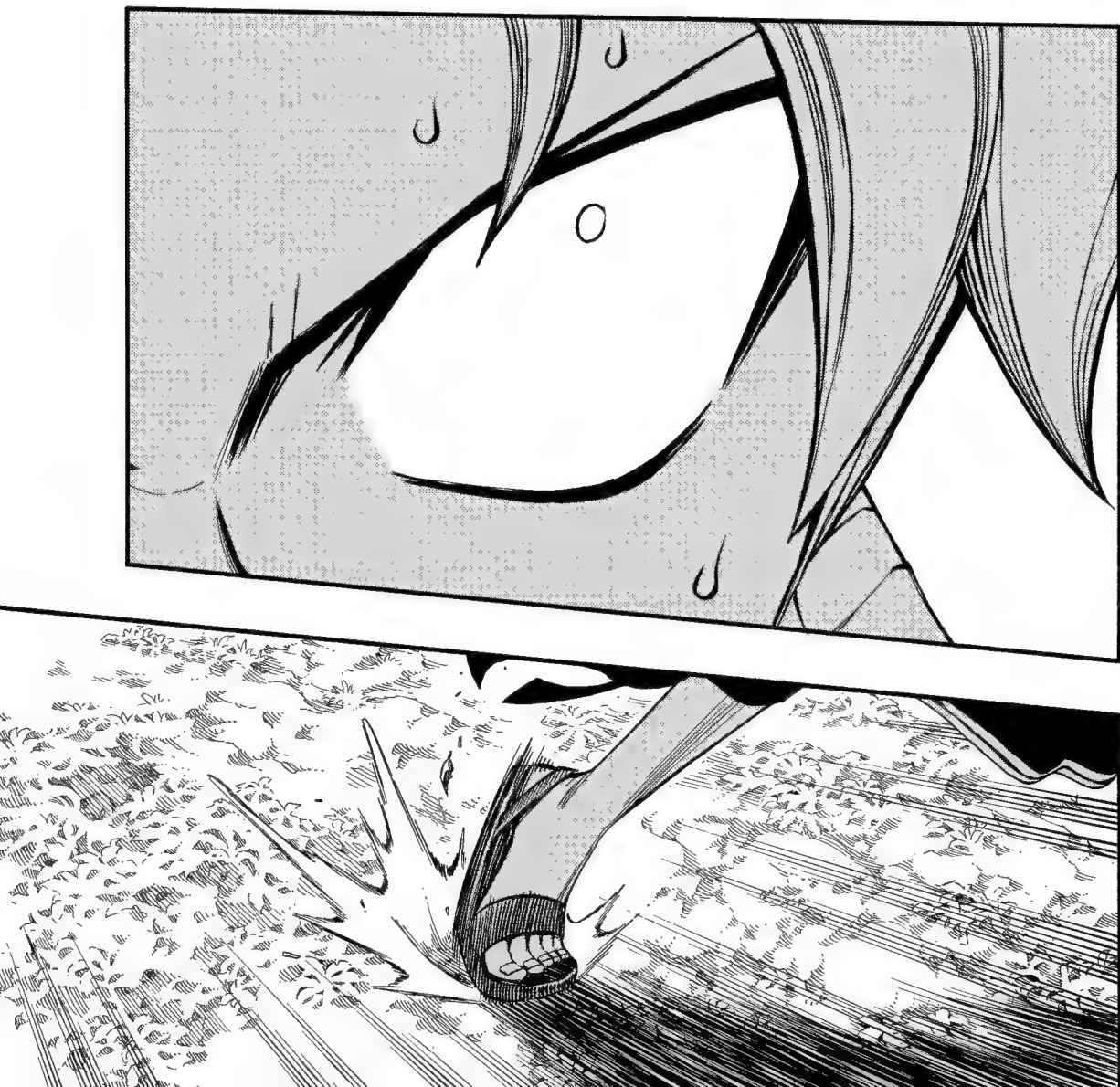
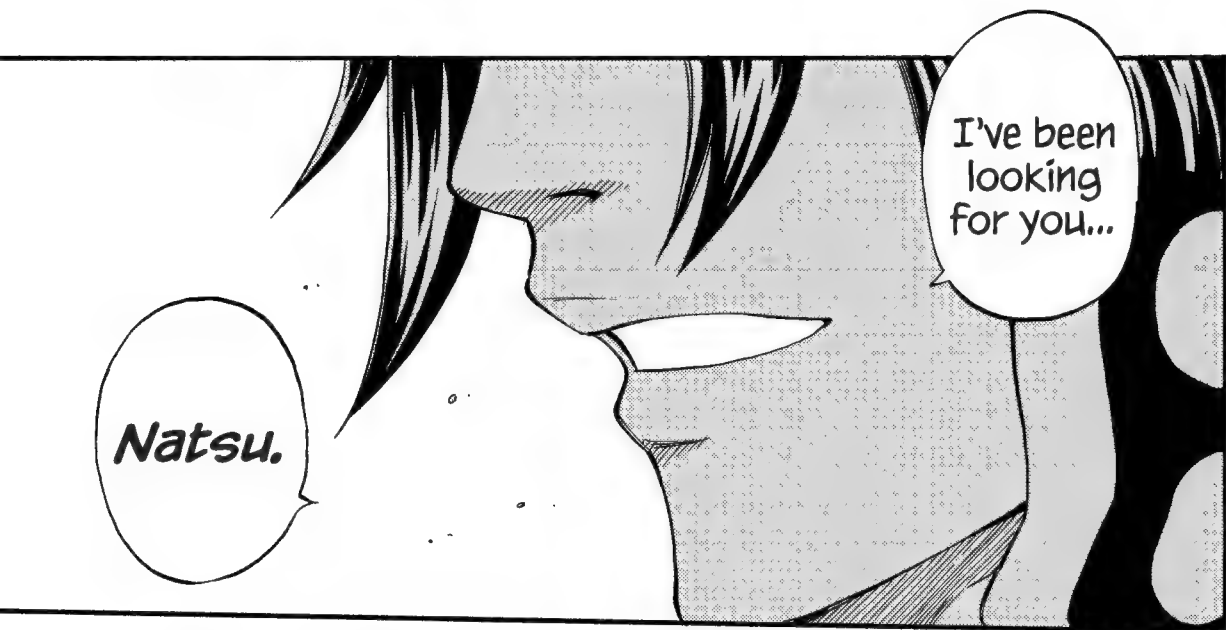
Was it that guy's magic?

...











**Who  
the  
hell  
are  
you  
?!!!!**

**BLOW**



*I see...*



*Just like that!!*

*He threw him!!!*



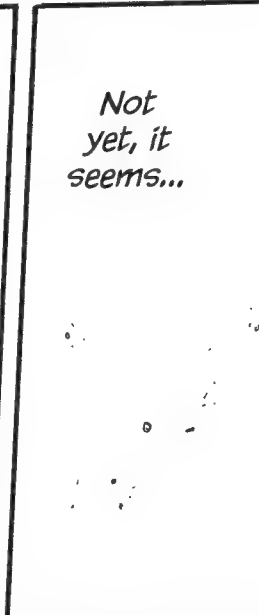
*...possibly break me.*



*Natsu can't...*



*Not yet...*



*Not yet, it seems...*





...and the  
only one  
who can  
stop me is  
Natsu...



I don't  
want to kill  
anyone else...

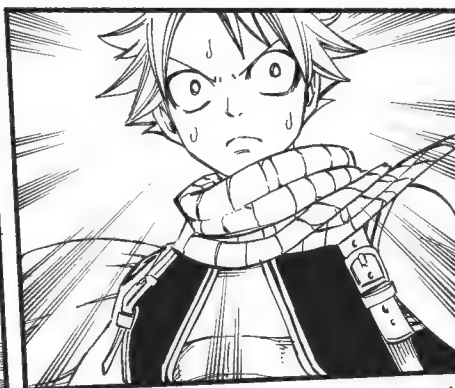
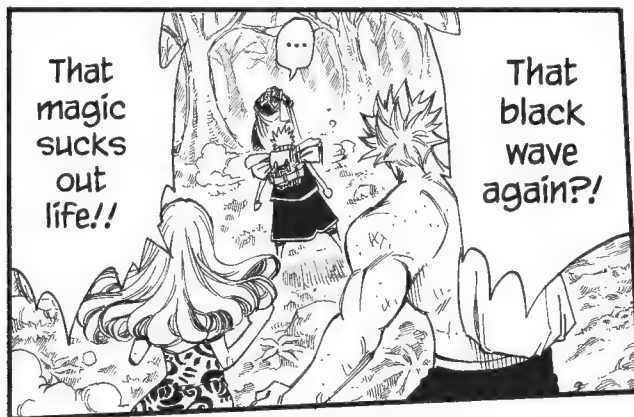
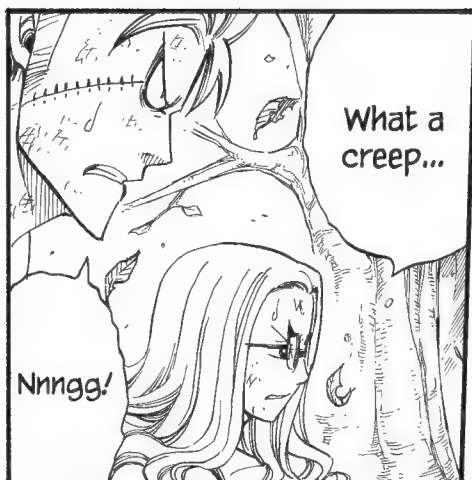


I got  
no idea  
who  
you are  
!!!!

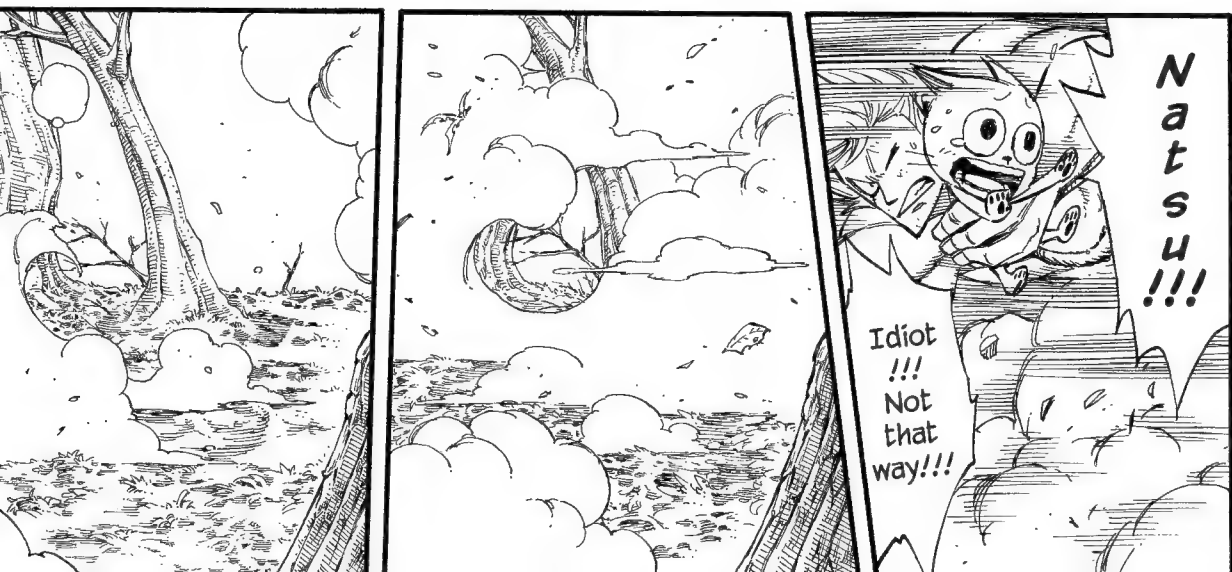
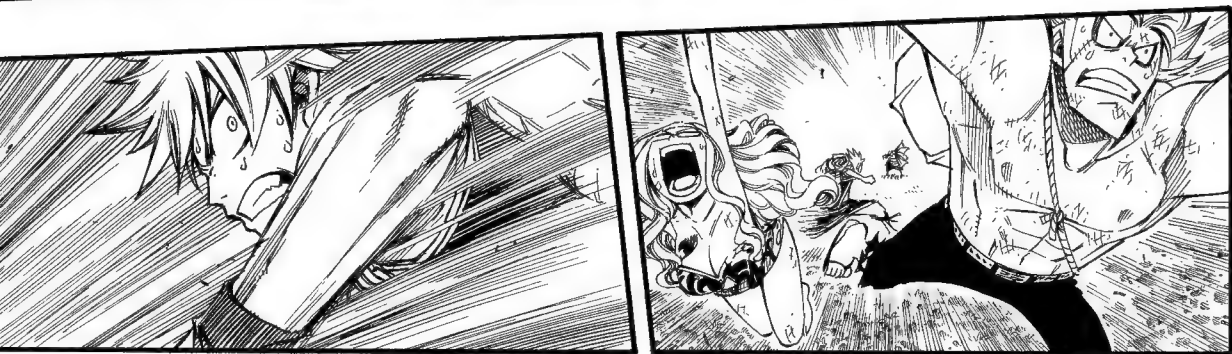
Say  
your  
name  
!!!!



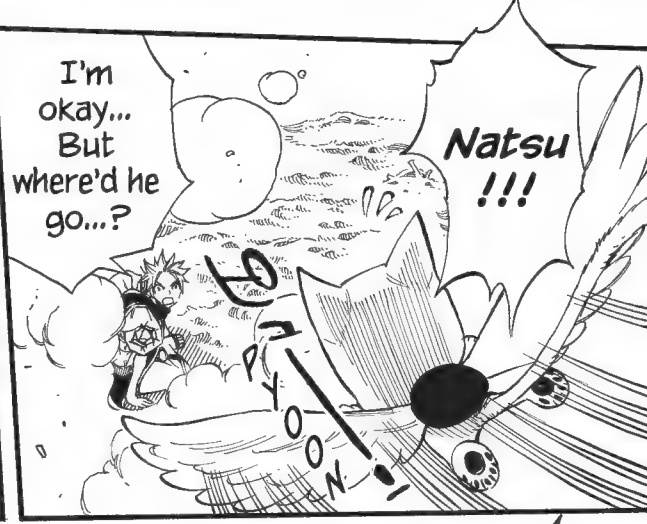
But  
he  
can't  
do it  
yet!!!!



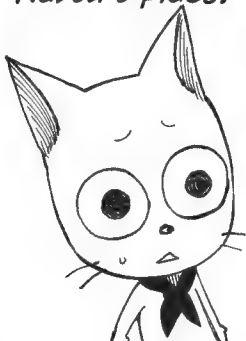








Did Igneel's  
scarf absorb  
the magic in  
Natsu's place?



He  
ruined  
the  
scarf  
Igneel  
gave  
me...!!



That  
jerk...

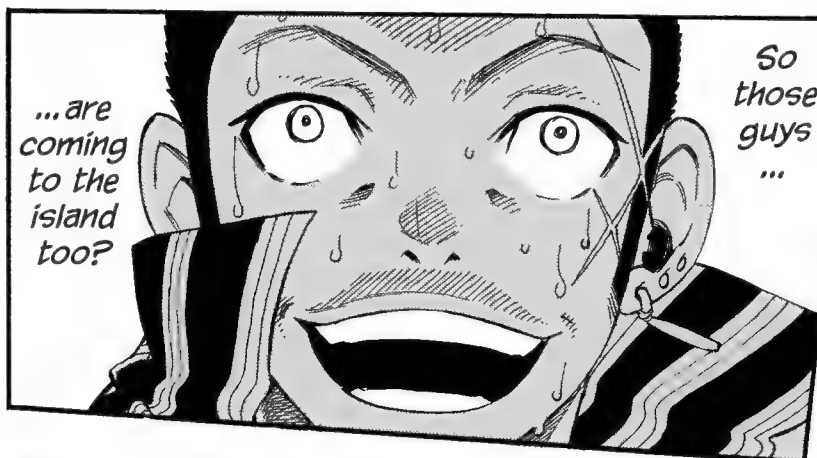
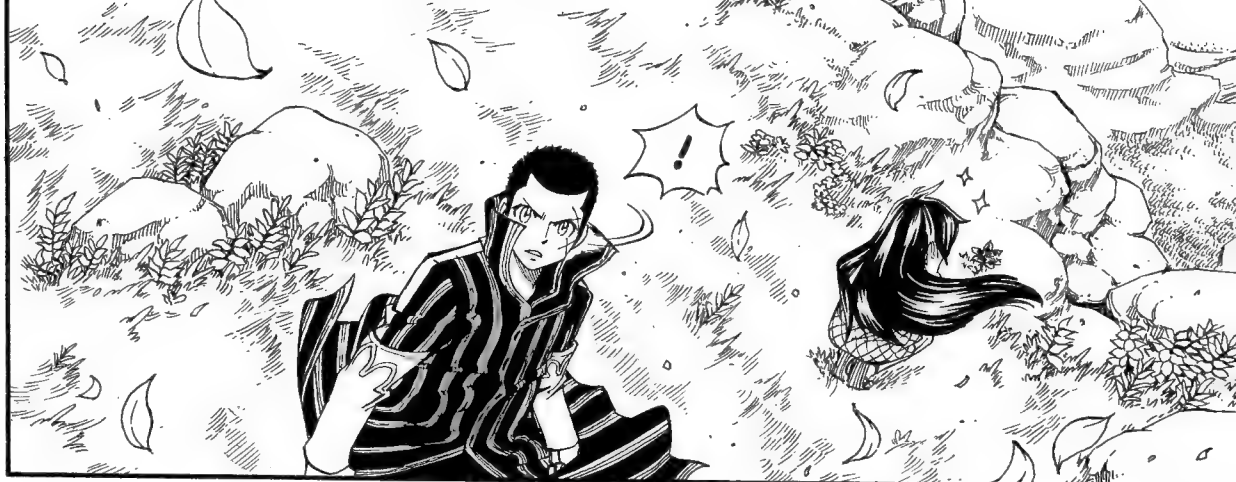
I  
am...



...by the  
world!

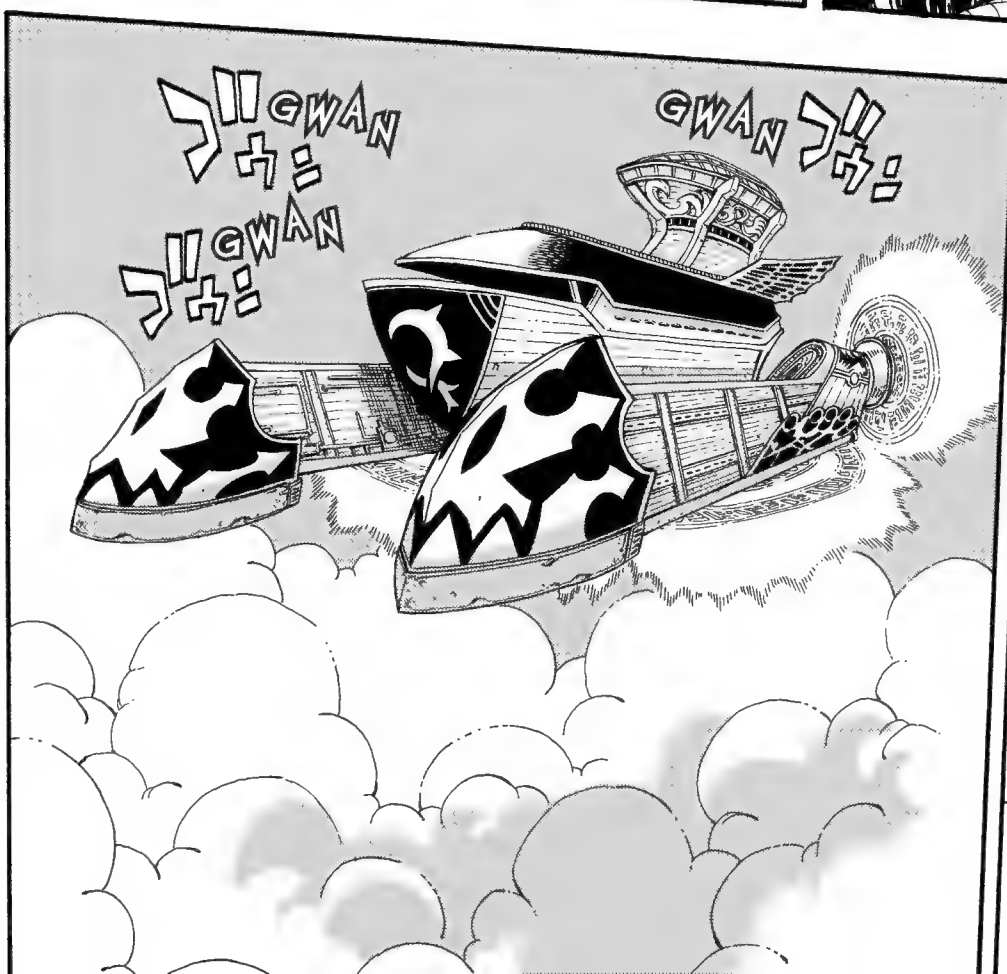
... still  
being  
rejected...





...are  
coming  
to the  
island  
too?

So  
those  
guys  
...



!! GWAN  
!! GWAN  
!! GWAN

GWAN !!  
!! GWAN



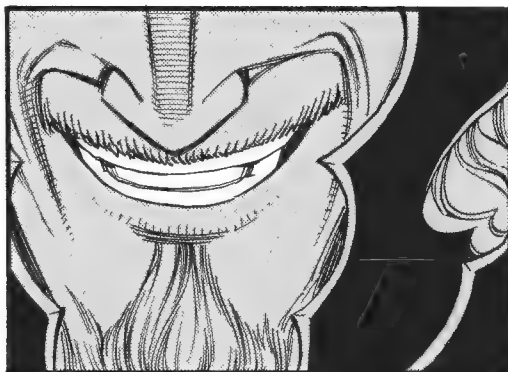


Though it seems he's still sleeping.

We've finally found him!



ROLL  
ROLL  
ROLL

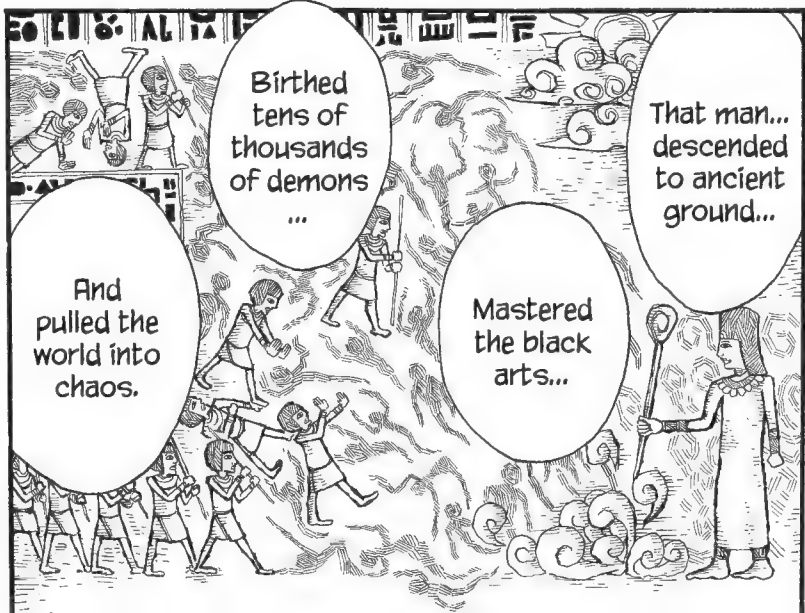


...Master Hades.

It appears the time has come ...



The most evil and powerful force in the history of the magical world...



And pulled the world into chaos.

Birtherd tens of thousands of demons ...

Mastered the black arts...

That man... descended to ancient ground...



**ZEREF  
THE  
BLACK  
WIZARD!**



**RUMBLE**

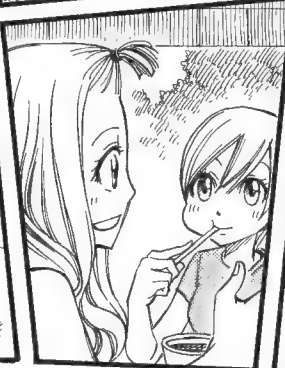
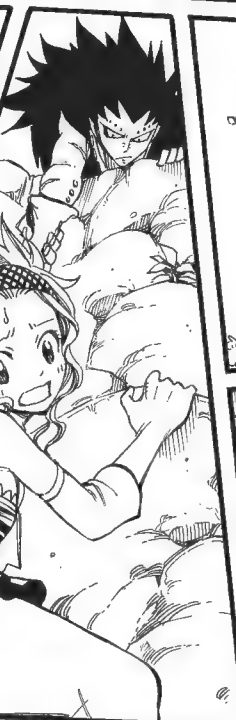
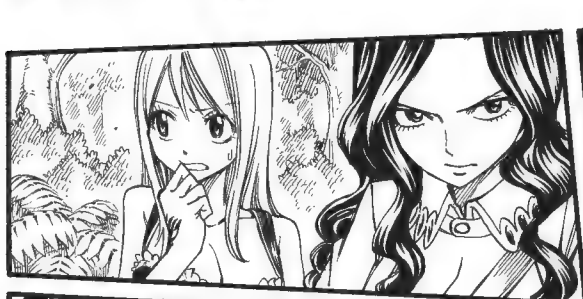
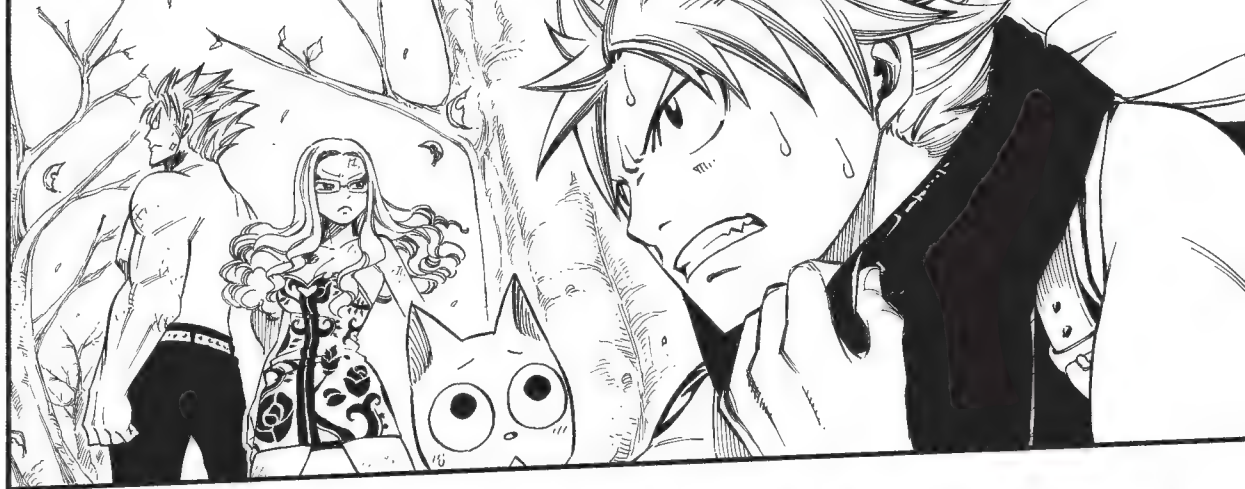
**RUMBLE**

Let us  
begin!

Set  
course  
for the  
Fairy  
island!

**DARK GUILD**  
**GRIMOIRE HEART**  
MASTER HADES

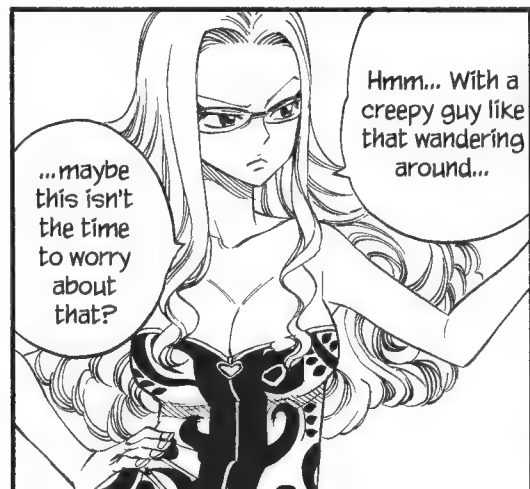
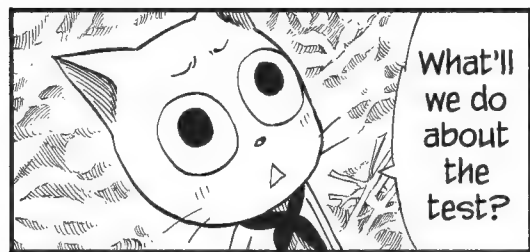
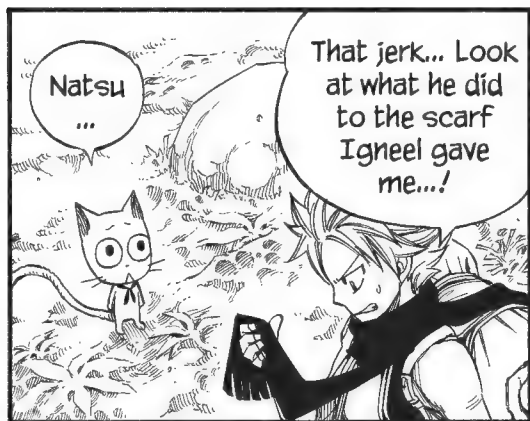




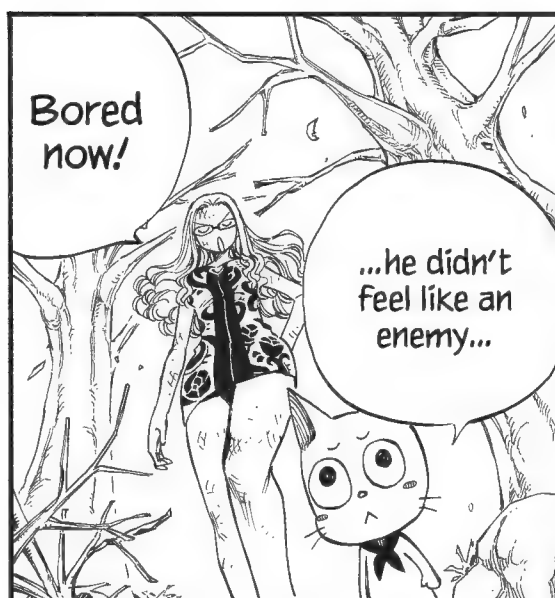


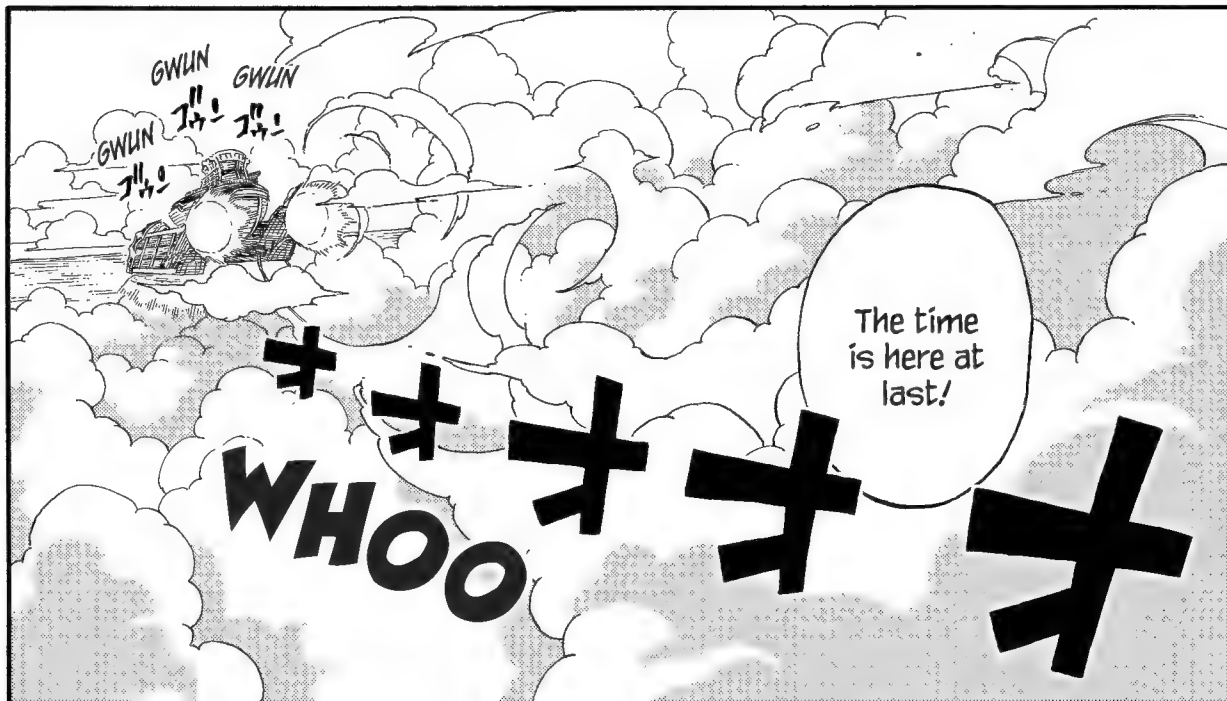
## Chapter 210, Stupid Gajeel







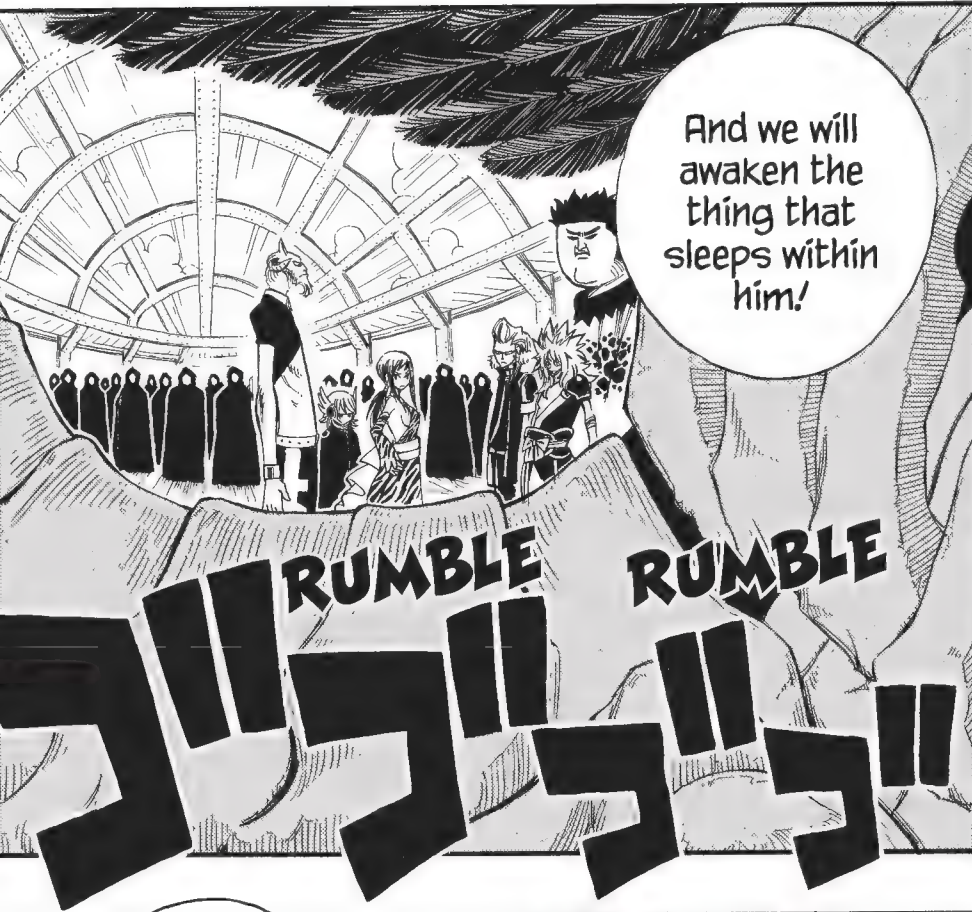






...is  
reborn!

The day  
the legen-  
dary Zeref  
the Black  
Wizard...



And we will  
awaken the  
thing that  
sleeps within  
him!

**RUMBLE**

**RUMBLE**



All the keys  
are safely in  
my hands!



...there  
is one  
problem.



But  
master  
...

**GRIMOIRE  
HEART  
ULTEAR**





**Fairy  
Tail!**

**The  
strongest  
of all the  
guilds of  
Fiore...**



The main  
members of  
Fairy Tail are  
all gathered  
on that island  
right now.

The guild that  
defeated the  
Oración Seis,  
cornerstone  
of the Balam  
Alliance.



We'll  
take  
those  
fools...



And?!  
What about  
them?!  
They are  
nothing!!



Bah!  
We must not  
make light of  
the enemy!

Uwa  
ha  
ha  
ha  
ha  
!!

G  
O  
O  
G  
H

...and  
turn  
them  
all to  
ashes!!

**GRIMOIRE  
HEART  
ZANCROW**



I-I-I-  
I-I-I-  
I-I...

With it  
released...



Uh...  
weh...

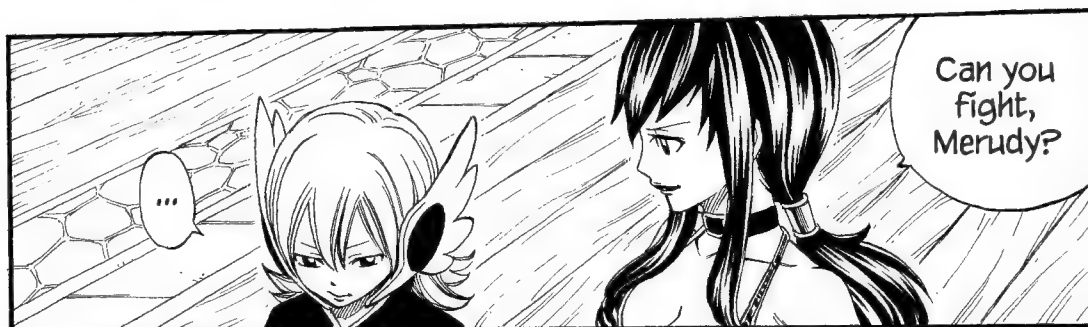
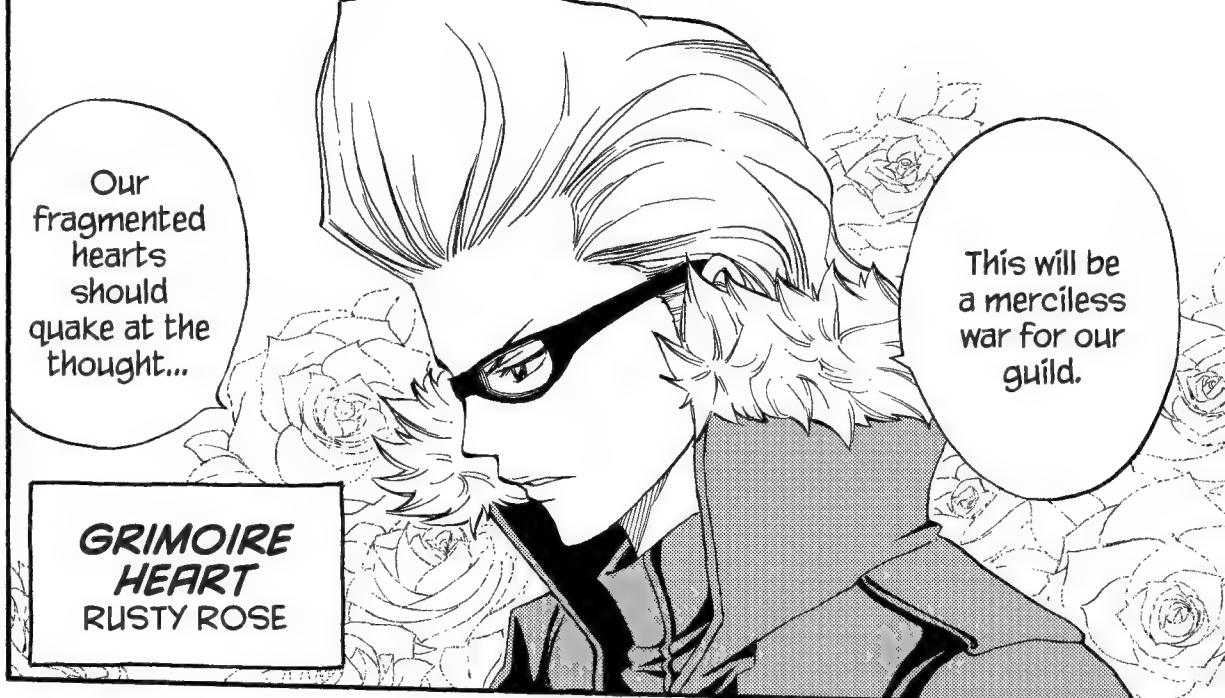
I-I-I-  
I-I...

...our  
desires...



I was  
born  
for this  
day!

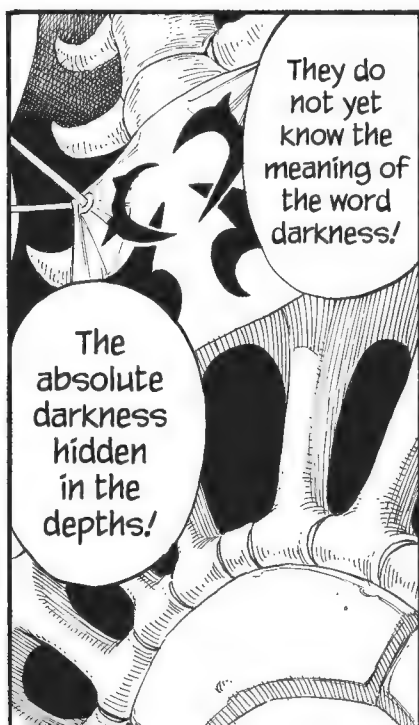
**GRIMOIRE  
HEART  
CAPRICO**







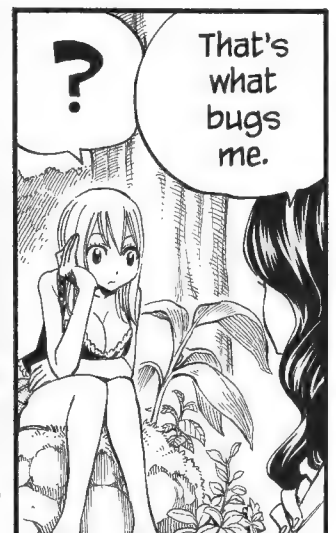
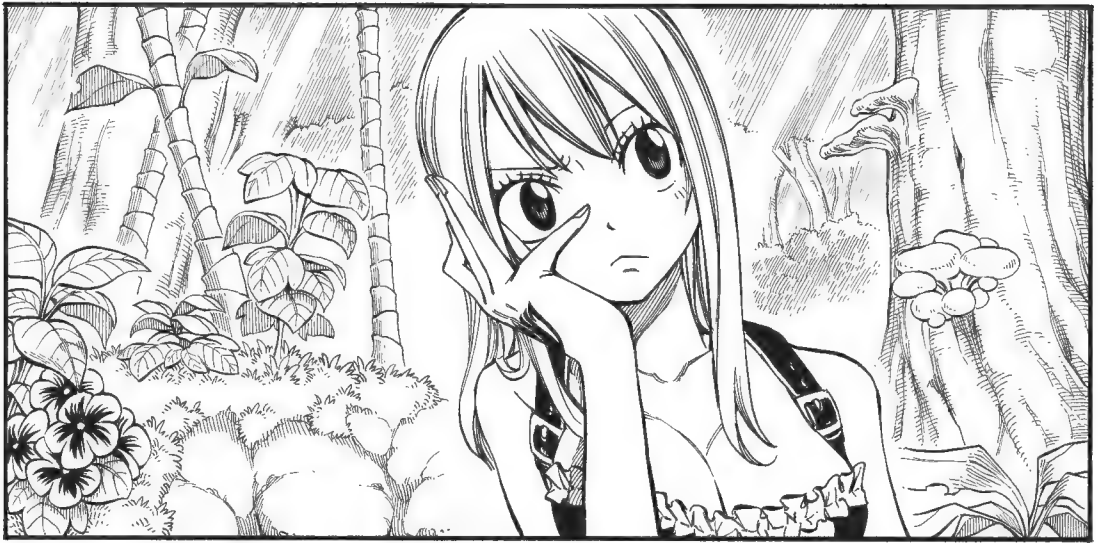
**GRIMOIRE  
HEART**  
MERUDY



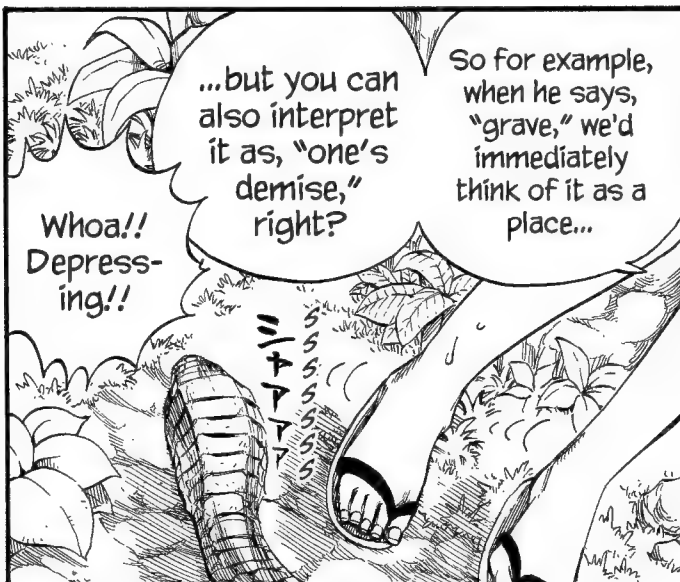
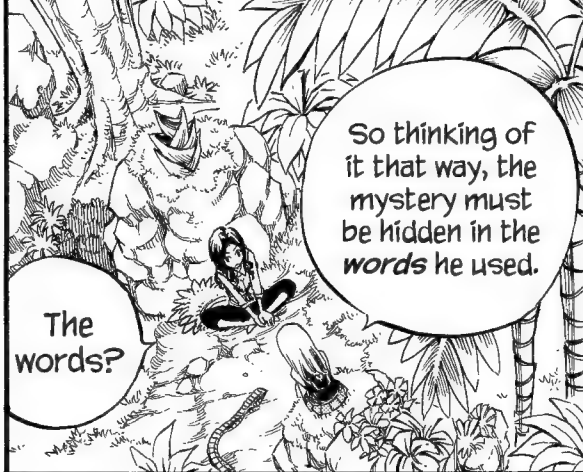


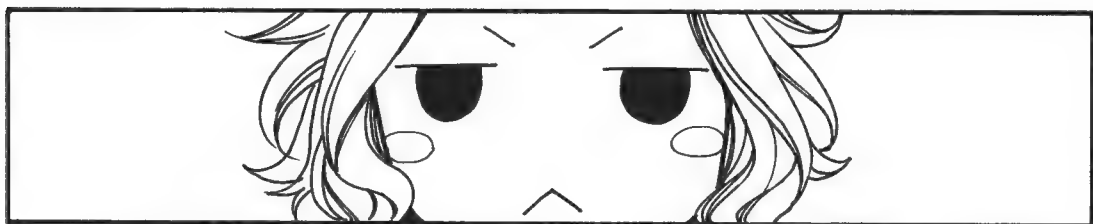
**We're  
coming  
for  
you!!!**

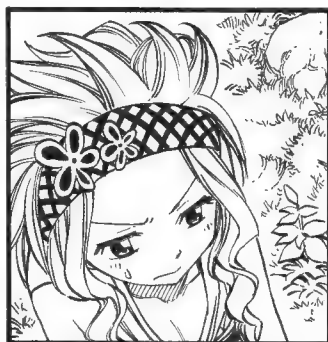
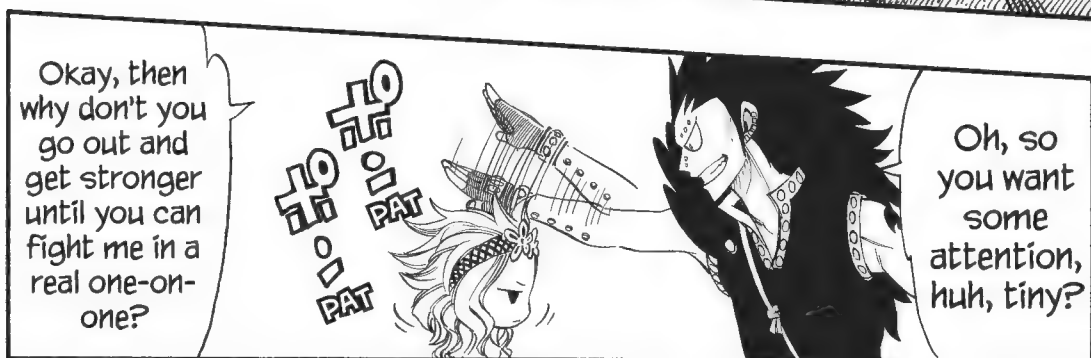
**Fairy  
Tail!!!**







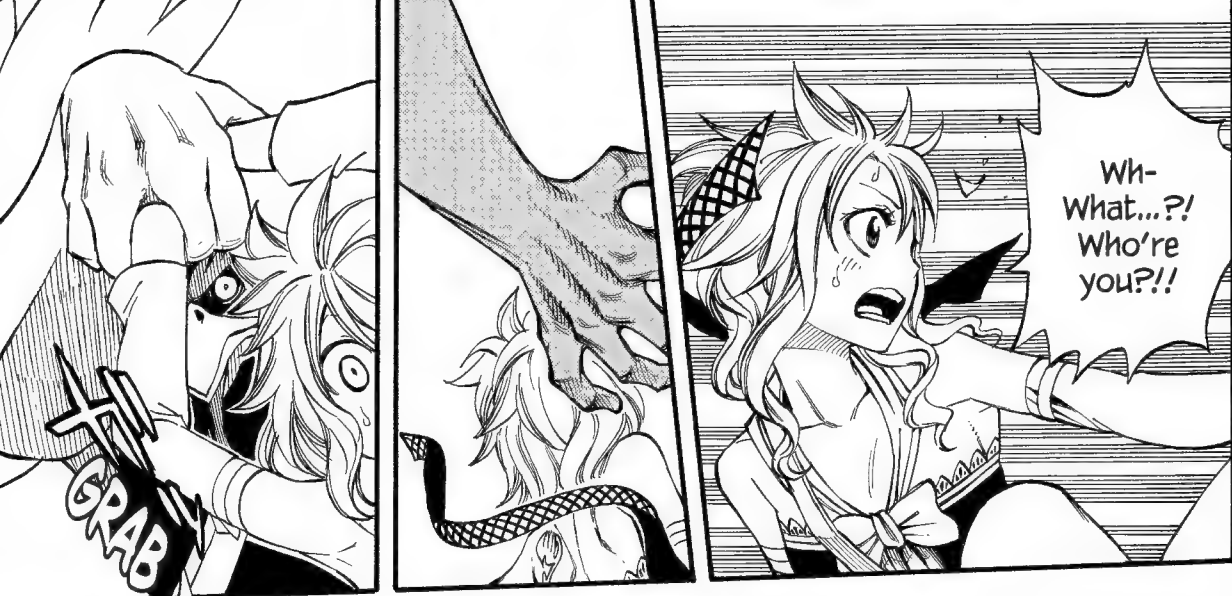








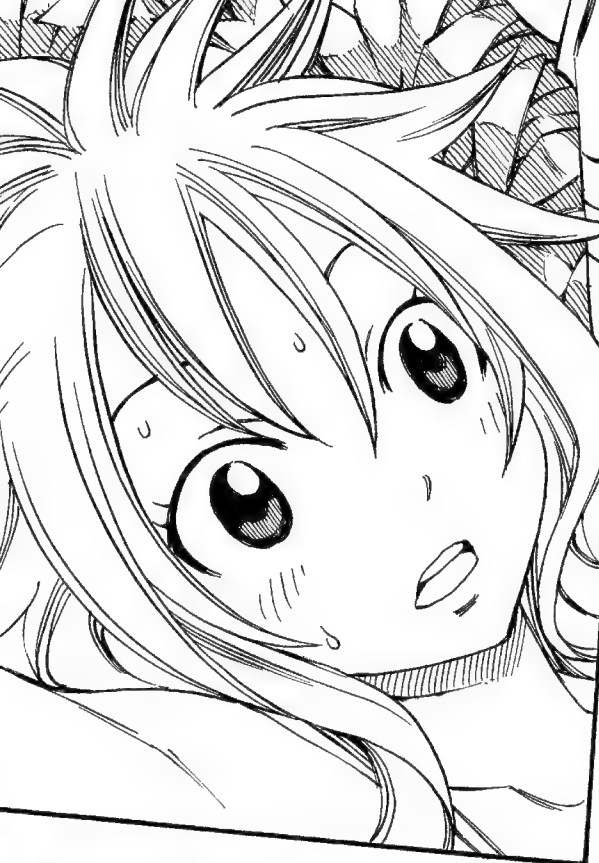




\*See translation notes for more about this character's attacks.







You're so  
tiny, it took  
forever to  
find you!

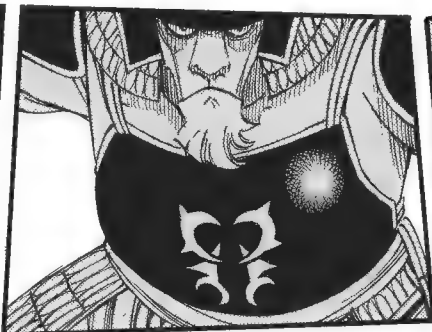




Yeah.



So don't  
ever run  
away from  
me again!



So...

Who are  
these  
jerks  
anyway?

... why  
are they  
here?!

They're the  
strongest  
dark guild,  
but...

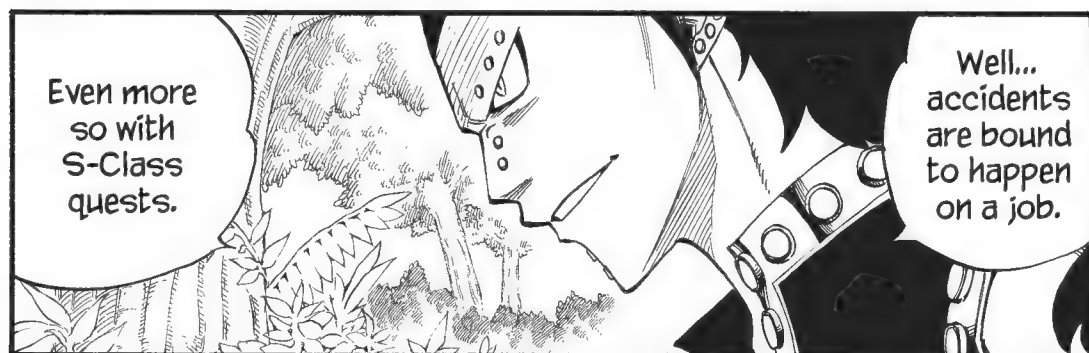
**Grimoire  
Heart.**





**Chapter 211: Kawazu and Yomazu**





They're one corner of  
the Balam Alliance...  
They wouldn't attack  
us for no reason...



But...we're  
up against  
Grimoire  
Heart.



...then we  
can't say  
we're fit to  
be S-Class,  
huh?

And if  
we can't get  
clean up after  
an accident on  
this level...



There are  
no rules  
in war!  
Peron!

Peh  
peh  
peh!

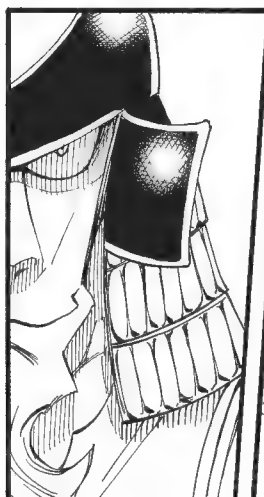
**GRIMOIRE  
HEART**  
KAWAZU



Nwa ha ha  
ha!! That's  
what you  
get from  
an official  
guild!!

Rules  
and more  
rules!!  
Until you  
can't  
breathe!!

**GRIMOIRE  
HEART**  
YOMAZU



What are  
you guys  
after?!



War?



We are  
here to  
hunt  
fairies  
!!!!



My  
ears...





車車

Magic coming from the kanji...

That's the same magic as you got!

It's an Eastern form of Solid Script!

GAAH!

TOO DAMN LOUD !!

SHVAH

車車

Gajeel !!

He can't hear me...!!

Gajeel, listen to me!!



ROAR

ROAR

Peh  
peh!

Eggs  
?!

ROAR





ROAR

EGG  
BUSTER  
!!!!

EEEK  
!!

SPLT

GAHH!

SPLT

SPLT

SPLT

SPLT

SPLT

ROAR

Aaaa  
!!

KH!

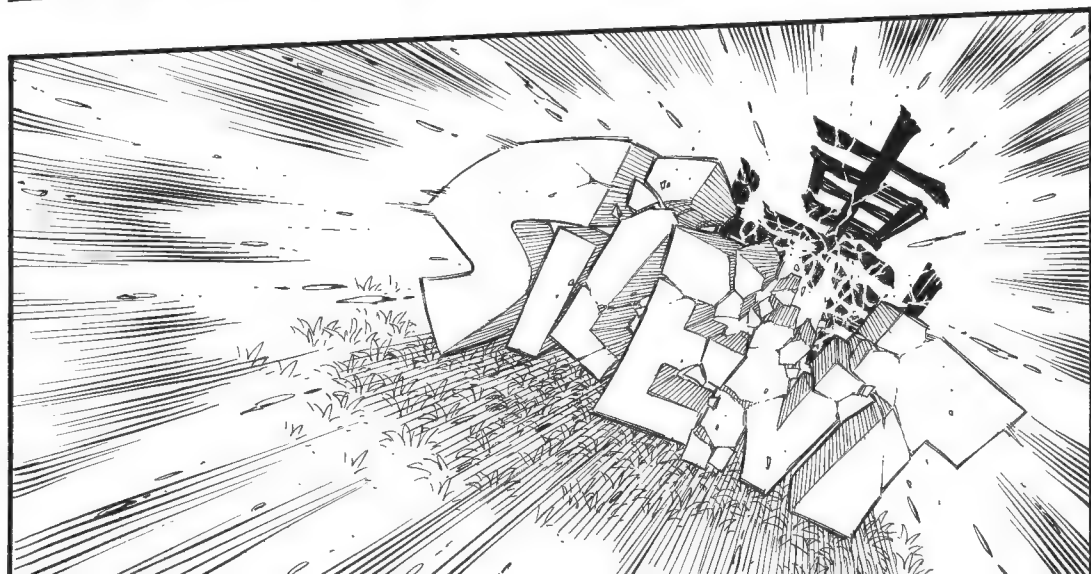
ROAR

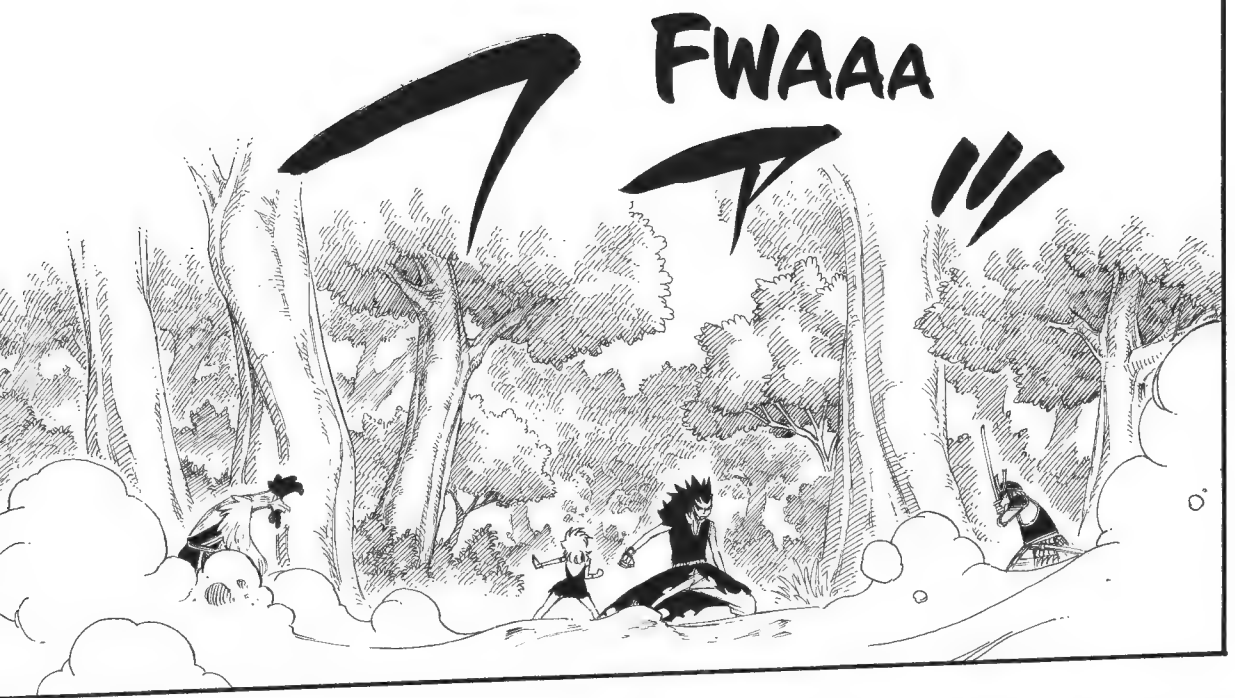
That  
noise is  
drowning  
out their  
footsteps!

Damn  
it!!

ROAR







I  
heard  
that!!



Hast the  
woman  
canceled  
out my  
kanji?!!



The  
sound  
went  
back to  
normal!



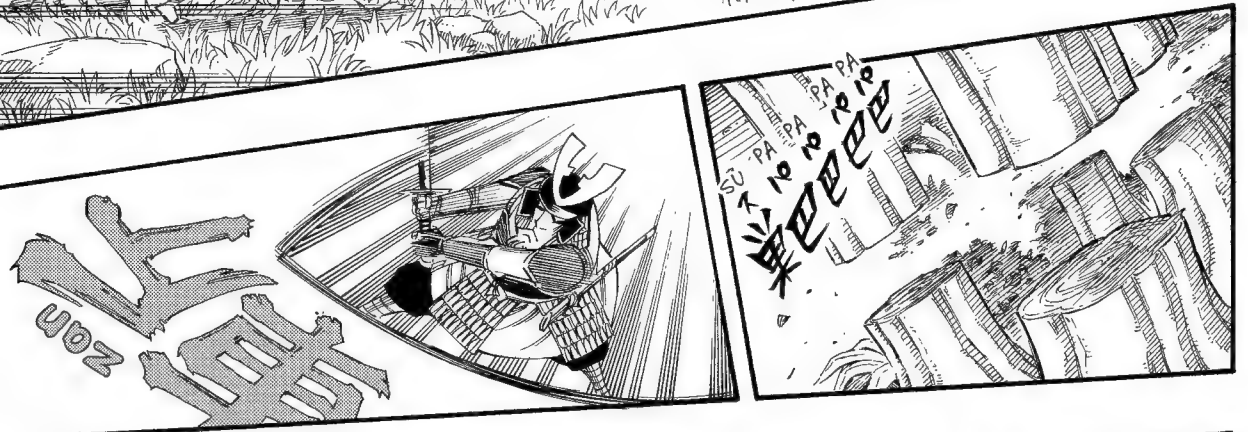
GAHOH  
!!

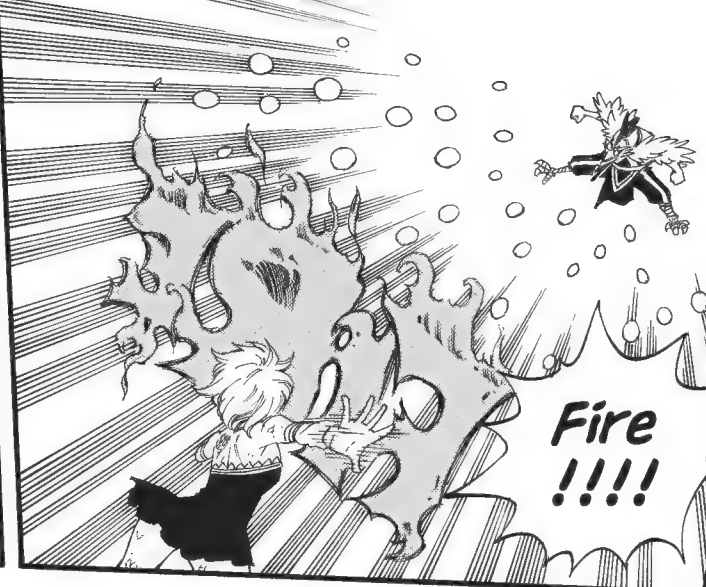
There  
!!!!

DWOOM





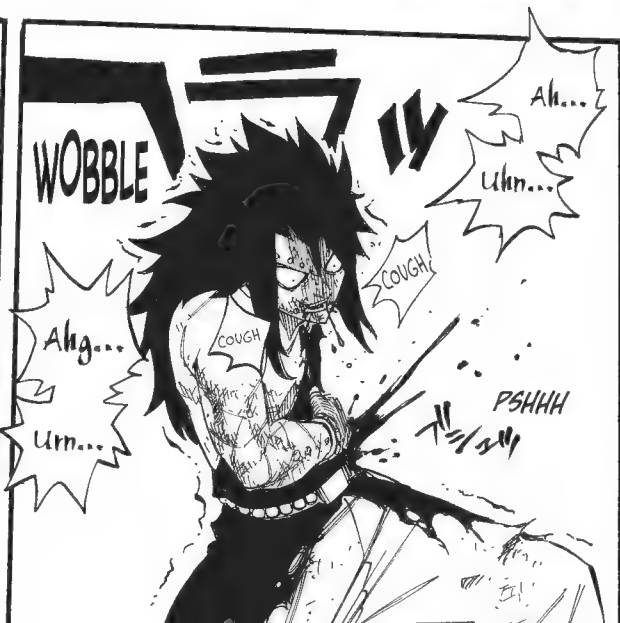
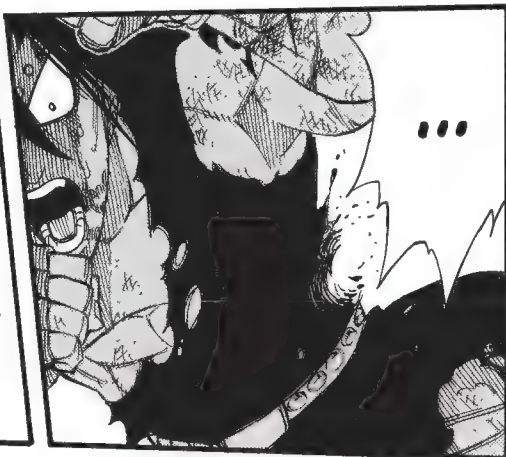
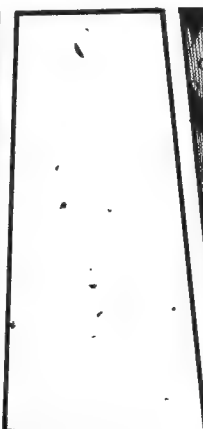




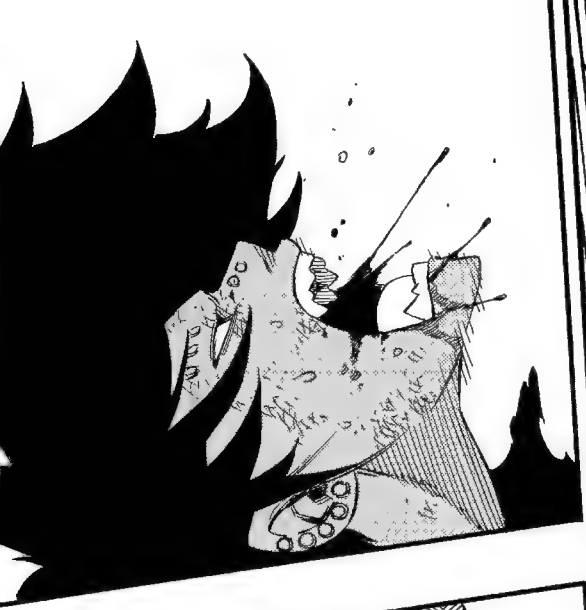




\*Pierce







Gajee!!!!



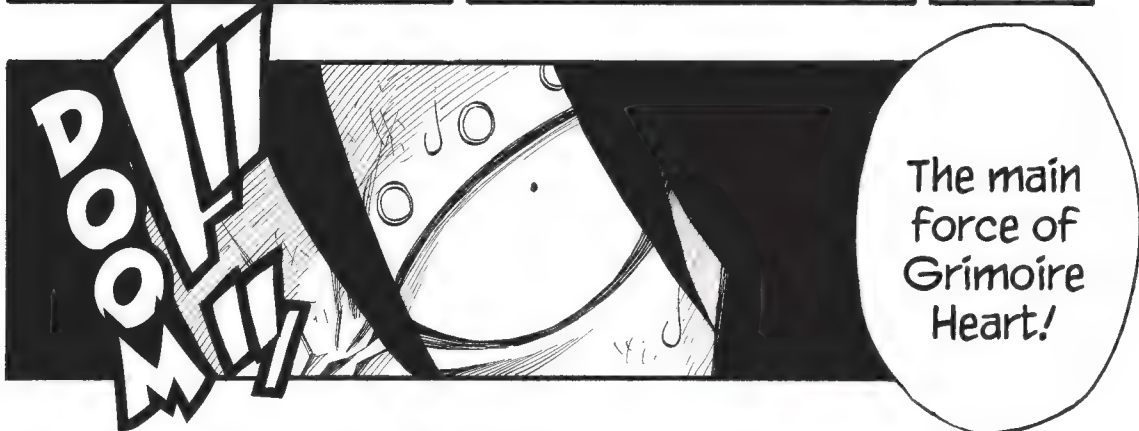
WAO



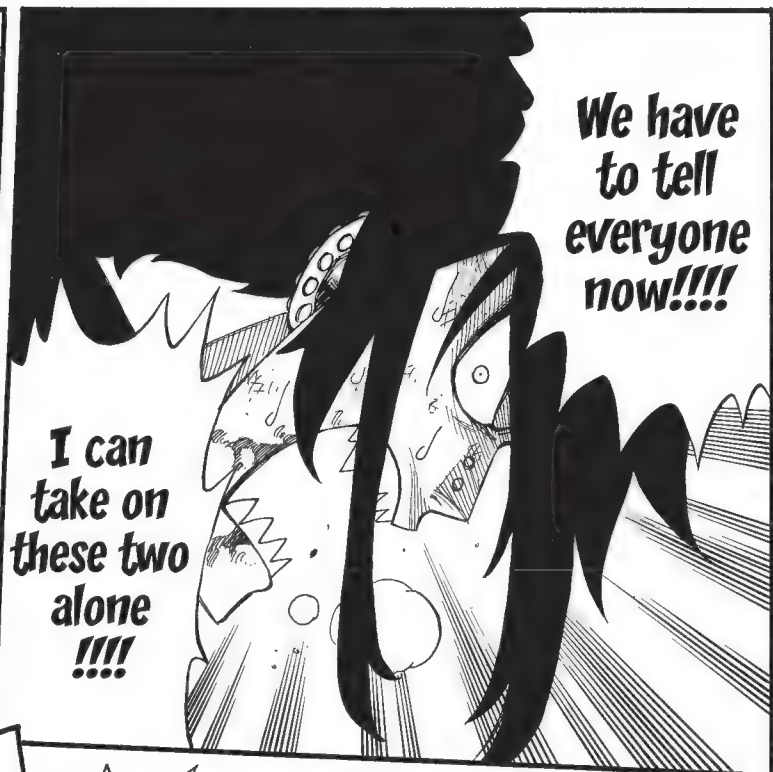
Zan

WAAAH!!!

NARU-KAMI  
!!!!!!















It'll be  
more fun  
to hunt her  
down-pero!

It doesn't  
matter-  
peron!

You idiot!!  
You let a  
*little girl*  
escape!!



...on  
Fairy  
Tail?

An  
all-out  
war...

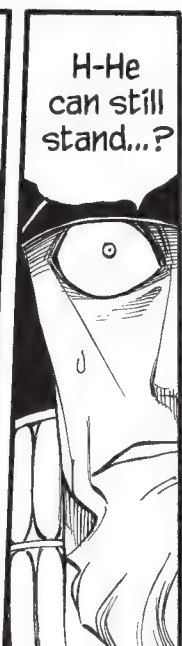


*You made  
your biggest  
mistake  
when you  
decided to  
tangle with  
Fairy Tail!!!!*




I've  
seen  
...

...  
that  
before  
...



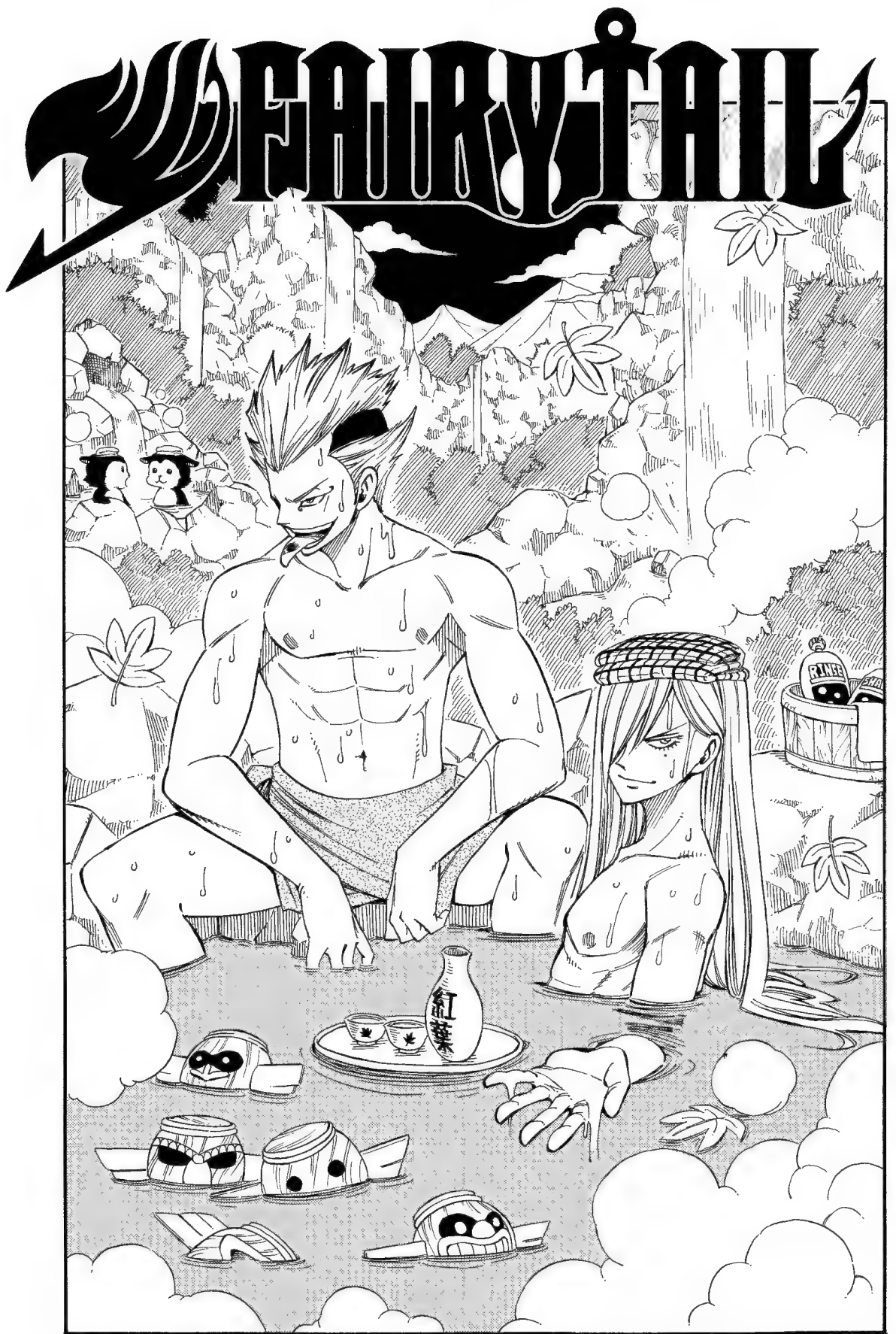
H-He  
can still  
stand...?



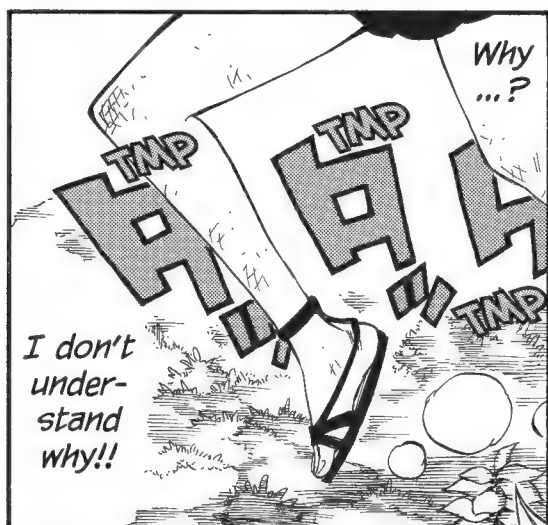
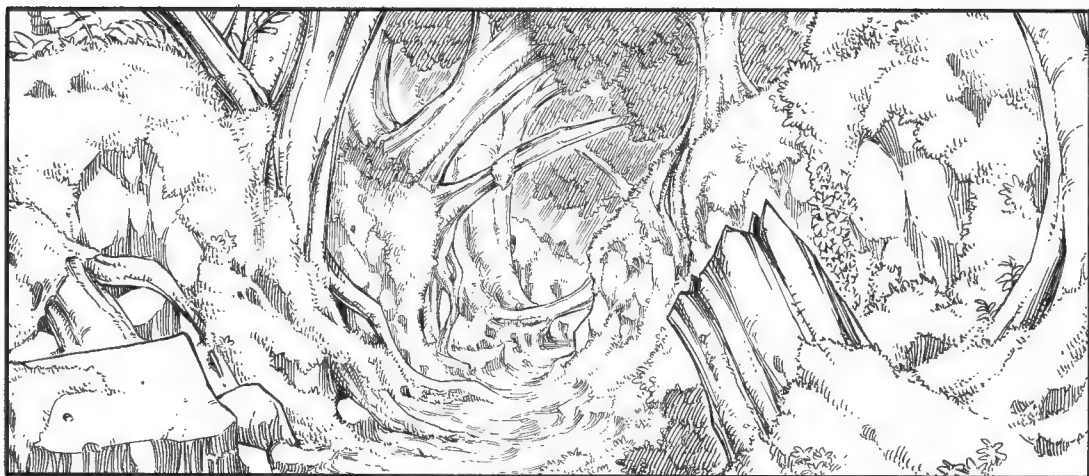
***You're  
gonna taste  
the same  
kind of  
pain!!!***

**GONG** II





## Chapter 212: Soul of Iron



I don't understand why!!

Why...?



All of Grimoire Heart is going to attack!!!



Something awful's going to happen !!

But I have to tell everybody!







\*Iron Dragon's...



\* Protection







**BWAA**

**I'll  
win  
this  
!!!!**

**TETSURYO  
KEN\*!!!!**

**GWAA**

**Peh  
peh  
peh!**

**NGHH!**

**CLANG**

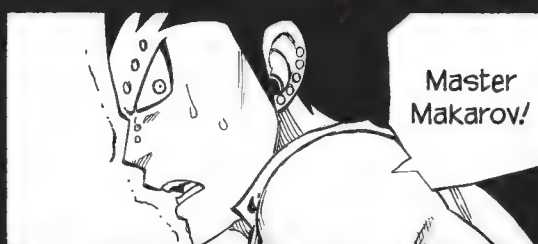
**\*Iron Dragon Sword!**

**An  
opening!**

**SHAZAT**











Just tell  
me what  
you're  
really  
after!!!



Don't  
even joke  
about  
that  
!!!!



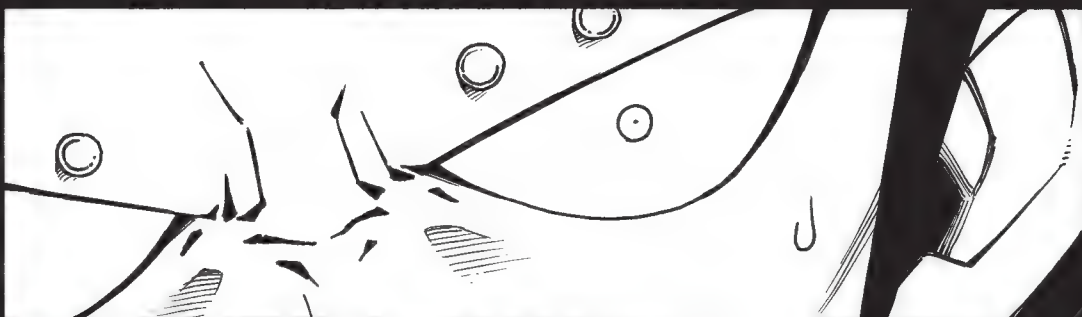
Why don't  
you come  
join my  
guild?

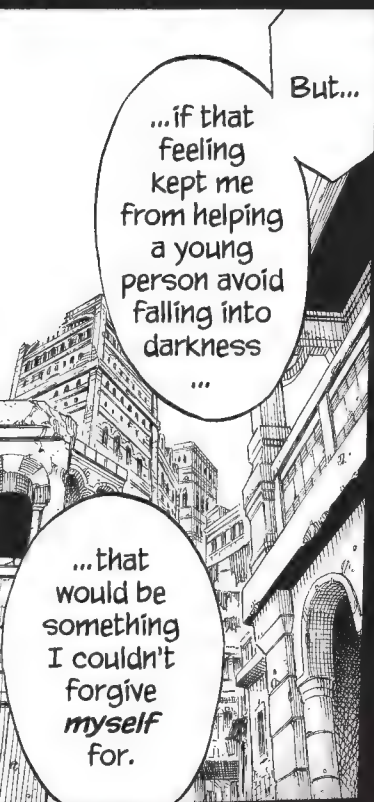
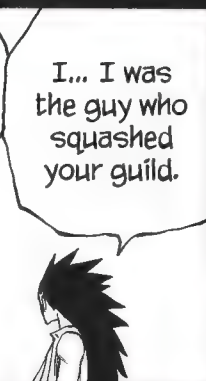
There's no  
reason for  
you to send  
yourself  
into the  
dark.




There are  
people  
around who  
like being  
alone.

But not one  
person in the  
world can  
handle total  
isolation.








**I'm just  
showing you  
a path to  
tomorrow.**

**I am not  
trying to  
"save" you.**



**...is  
something  
only  
you can  
decide.**

**Whether  
you follow  
that path or  
not...**



**I am...**



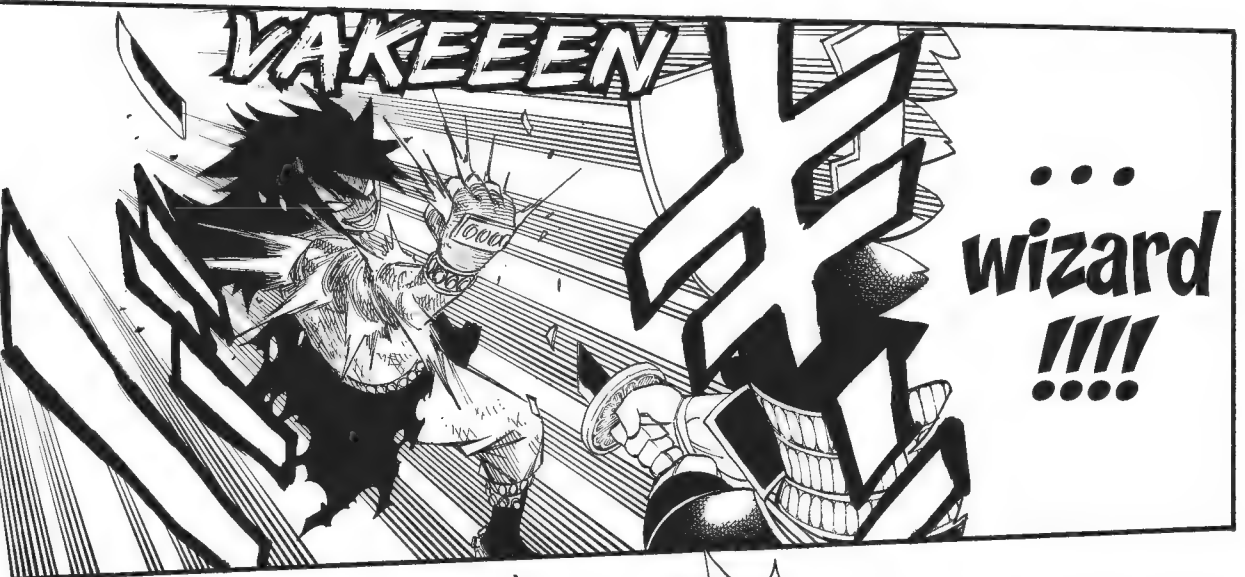
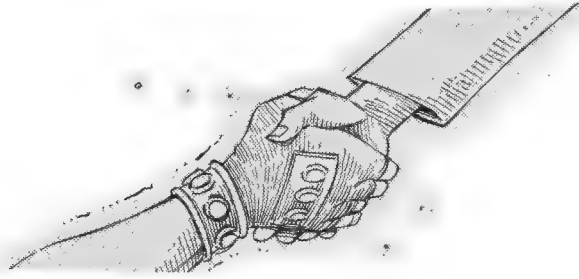




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Fairy  
Tail  
...



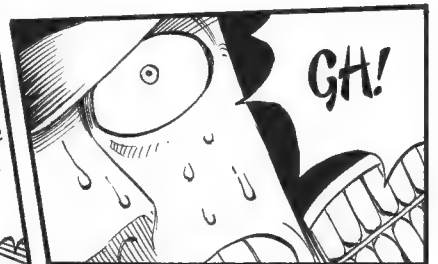
Wh-  
Where  
is that  
power  
coming  
from?!!



...  
wizard  
!!!!



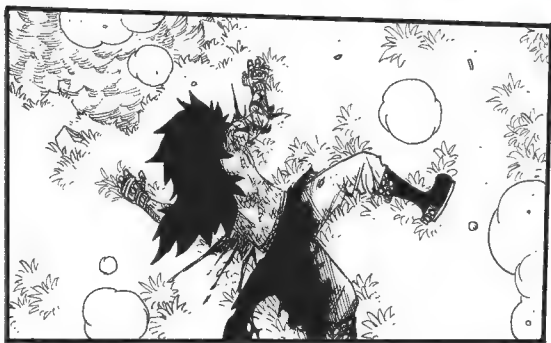
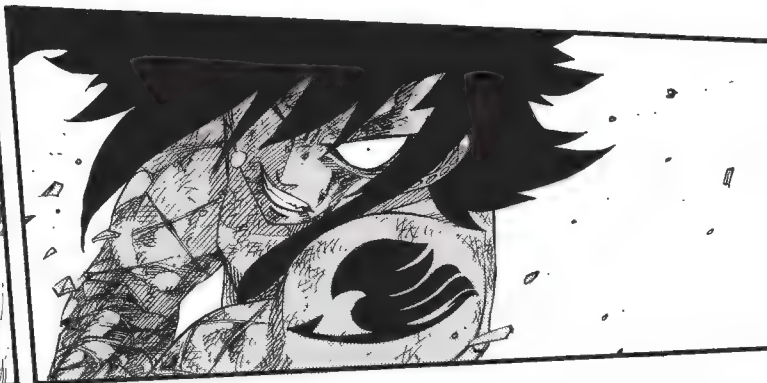
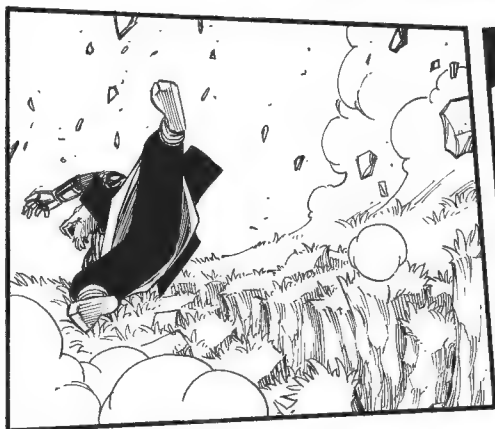
Dragon  
Slayer  
Ultimate  
Attack  
...



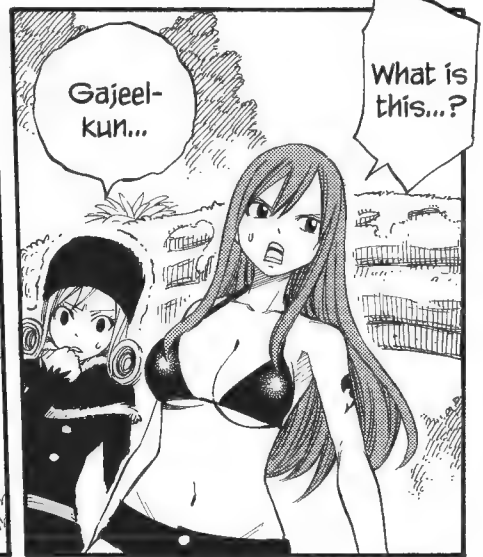
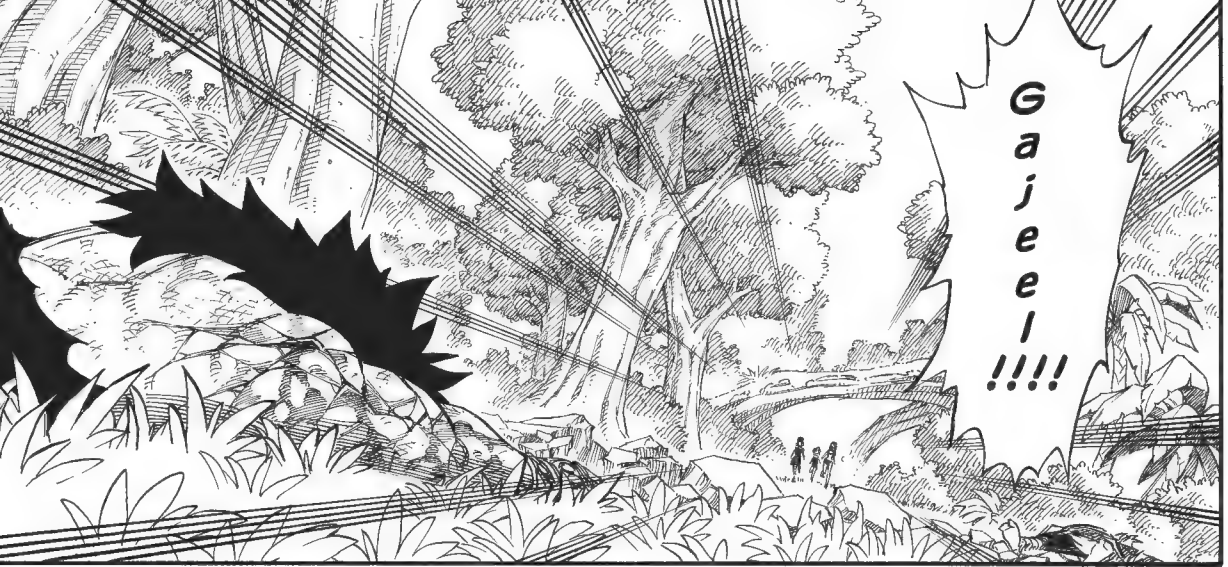
GA!

**GÔMA  
TÊTSU-  
JINKEN\*  
!!!!!!**

**KABOOM**

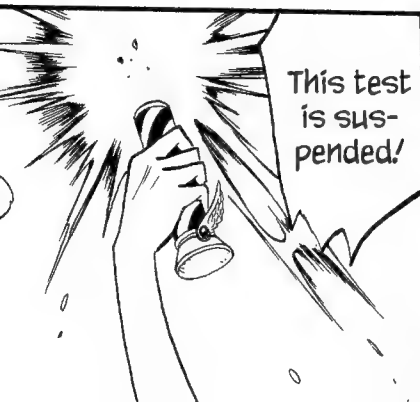
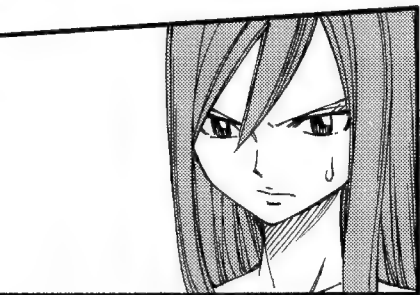








Seven  
Kin  
...?!

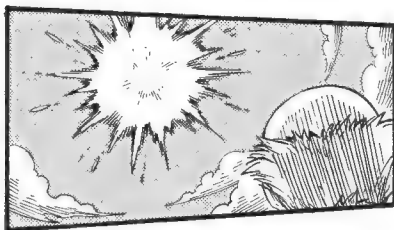
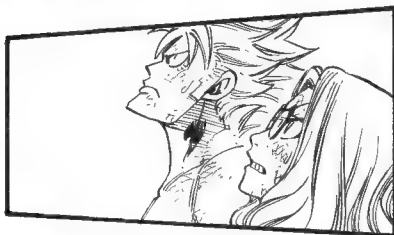


This test  
is sus-  
pended!



The Seven  
Kin of  
Purgatory!





An...  
enemy  
?

How,  
on *this*  
island  
...?



SHIP  
A A A A A  
N!

Repel  
the  
invad-  
ers  
!!!!

Condi-  
tion  
Red  
!!!!

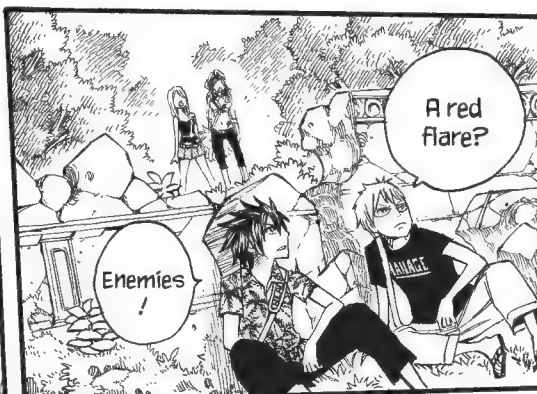
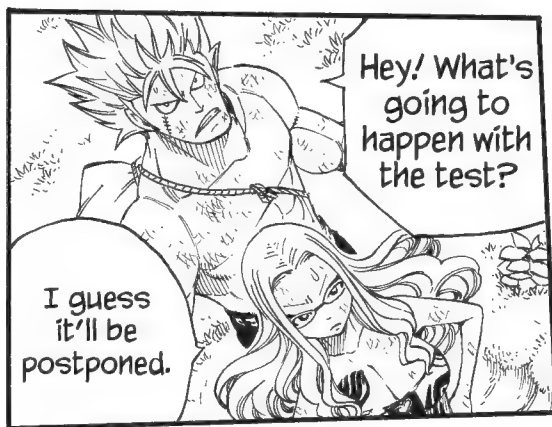
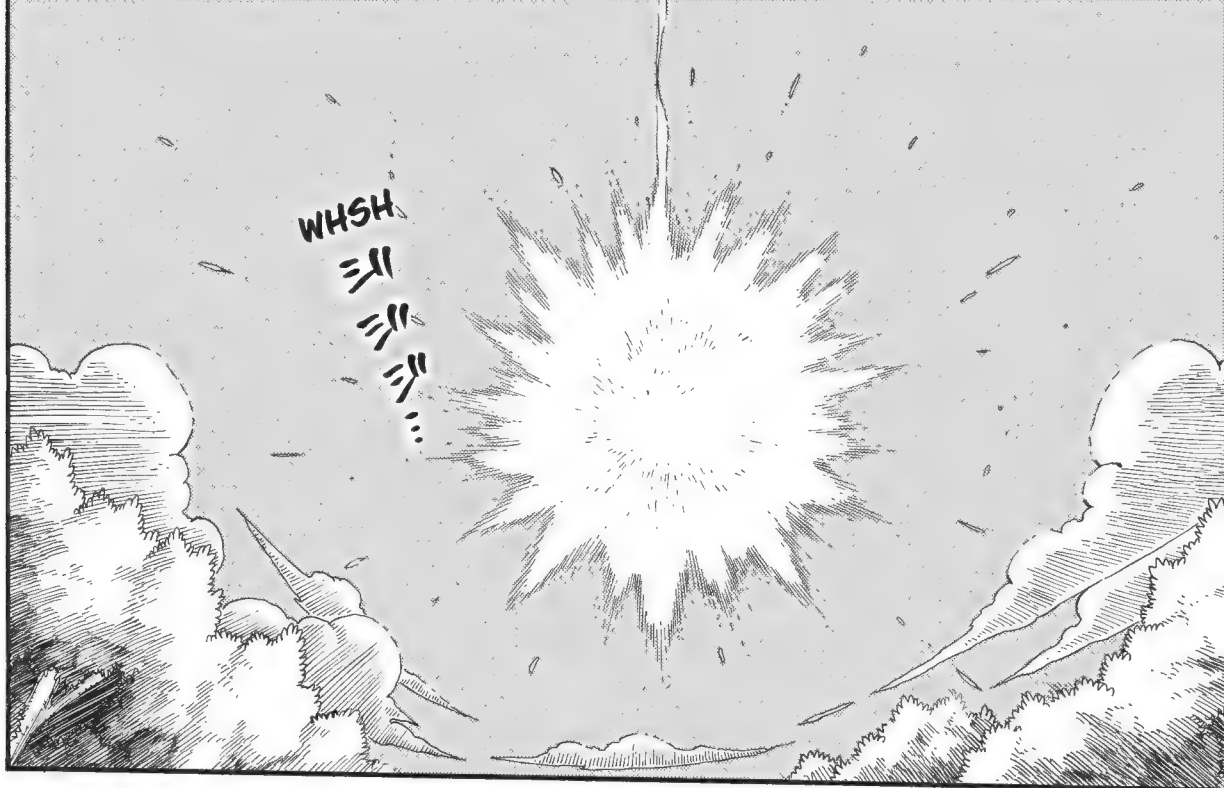
All  
members,  
prepare for  
battle!!!!







**Chapter 213: One of the Seven Kin**



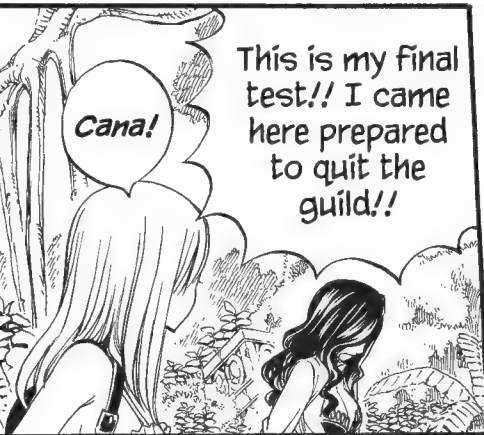


...then we're gonna turn the tables on 'em!

I don't know who these people are, but if they want a fight with Fairy Tail...

Aye, sir!

BASH

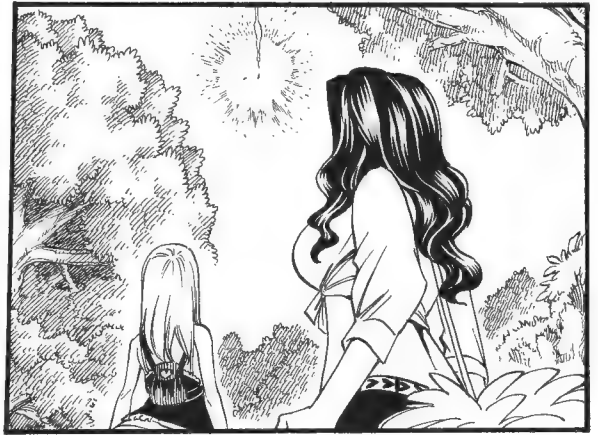


Cana!

This is my final test!! I came here prepared to quit the guild!!



Why...? At a time like this...!



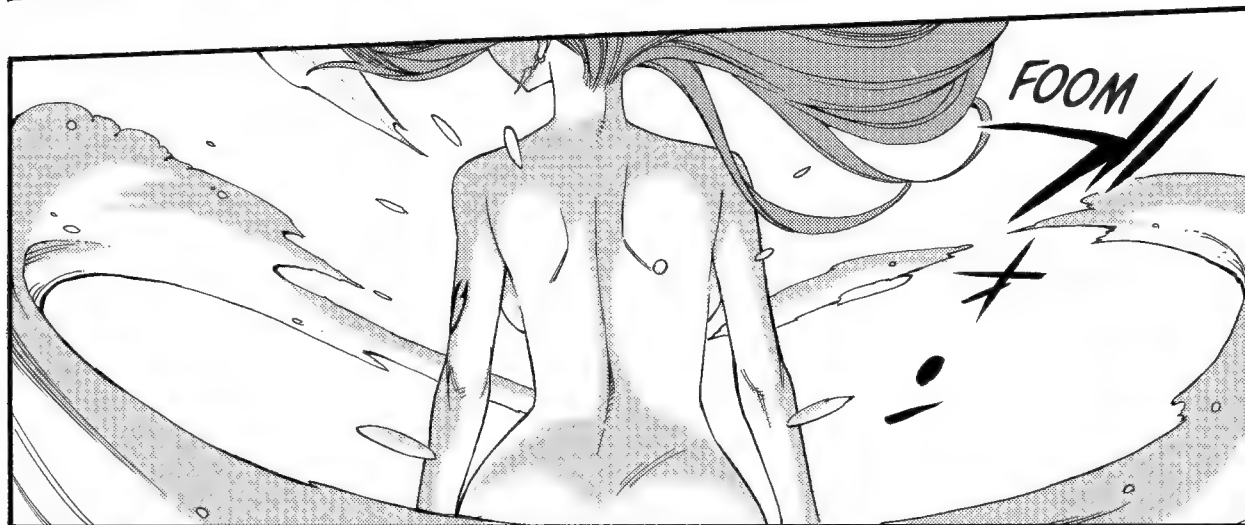
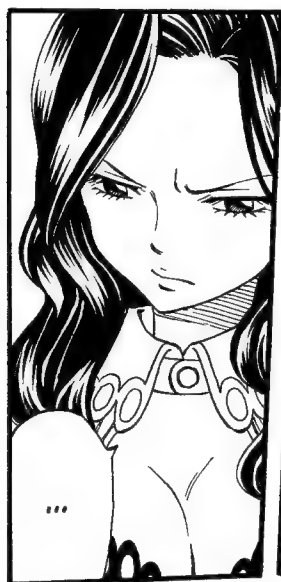
If there's anybody who thinks they can stop me, let 'em try!!!



Don't make me laugh!!

I'm not quitting the test!!!





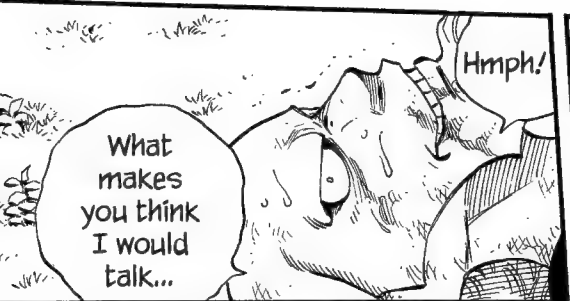


Erza-san,  
what do we  
do now?

I'm going  
to bring  
Gajeel to  
camp.

The possibility  
exists they are  
wandering and  
do not know  
the location of  
the camp.

First order of  
business is to  
find Mest and  
Wendy.



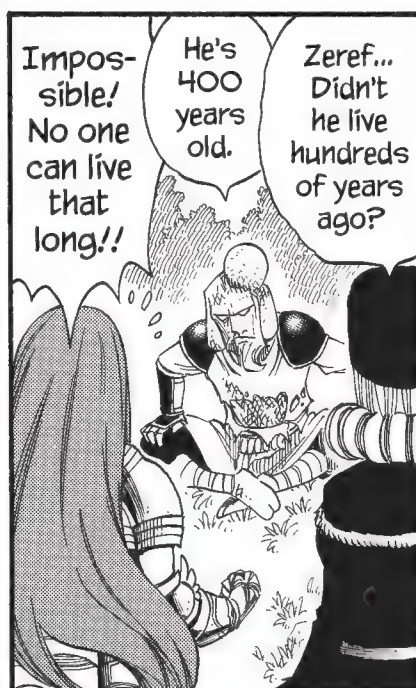
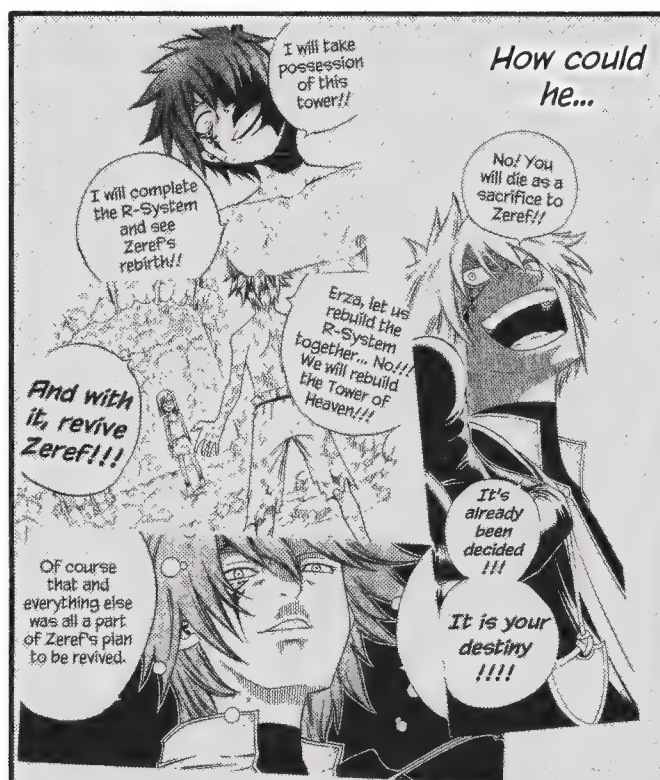
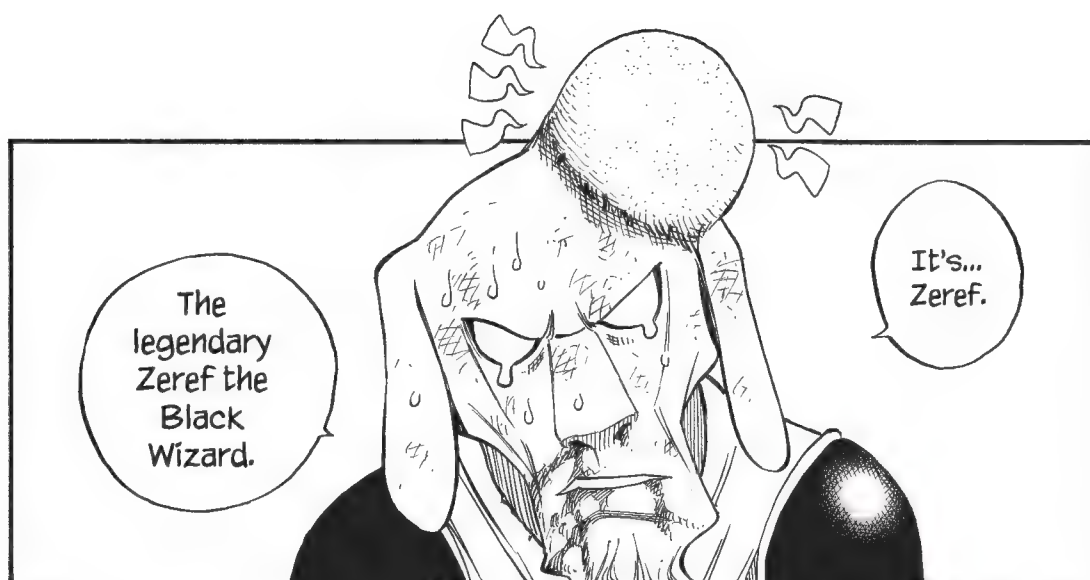
Hmph!

What  
makes  
you think  
I would  
talk...

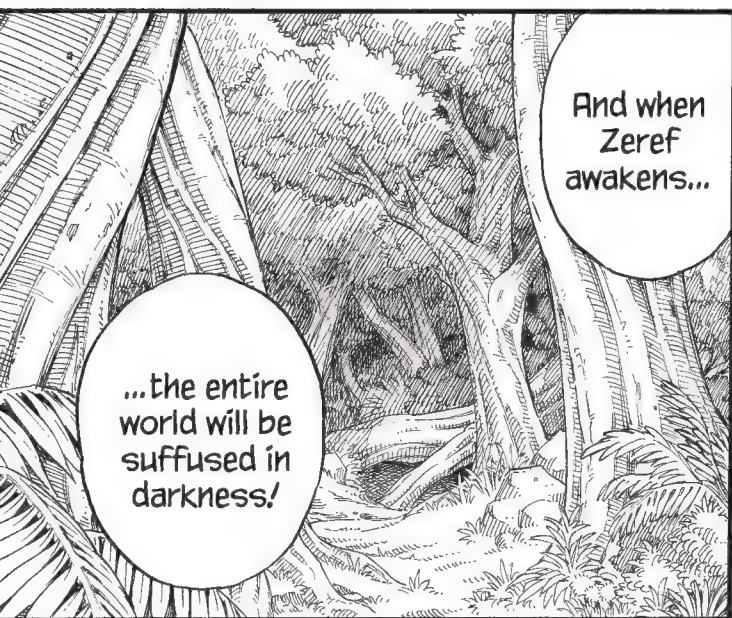


Now...  
Tell me what  
you're after.











My  
superior  
...

...  
Caprico-  
sama!



Rusty  
Rose!



The time  
wizard,  
Ultear...



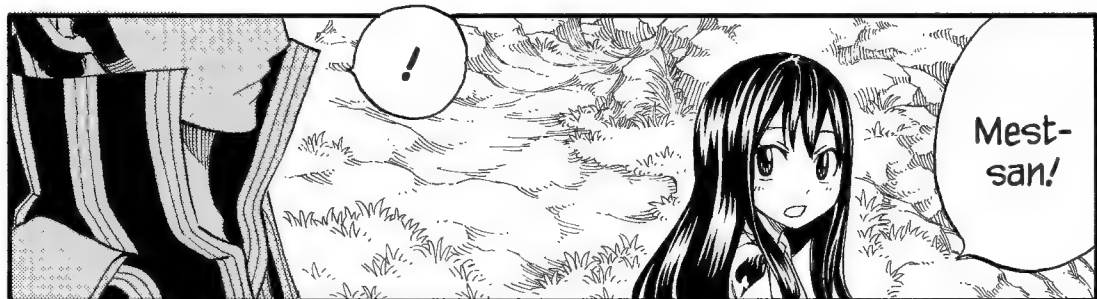
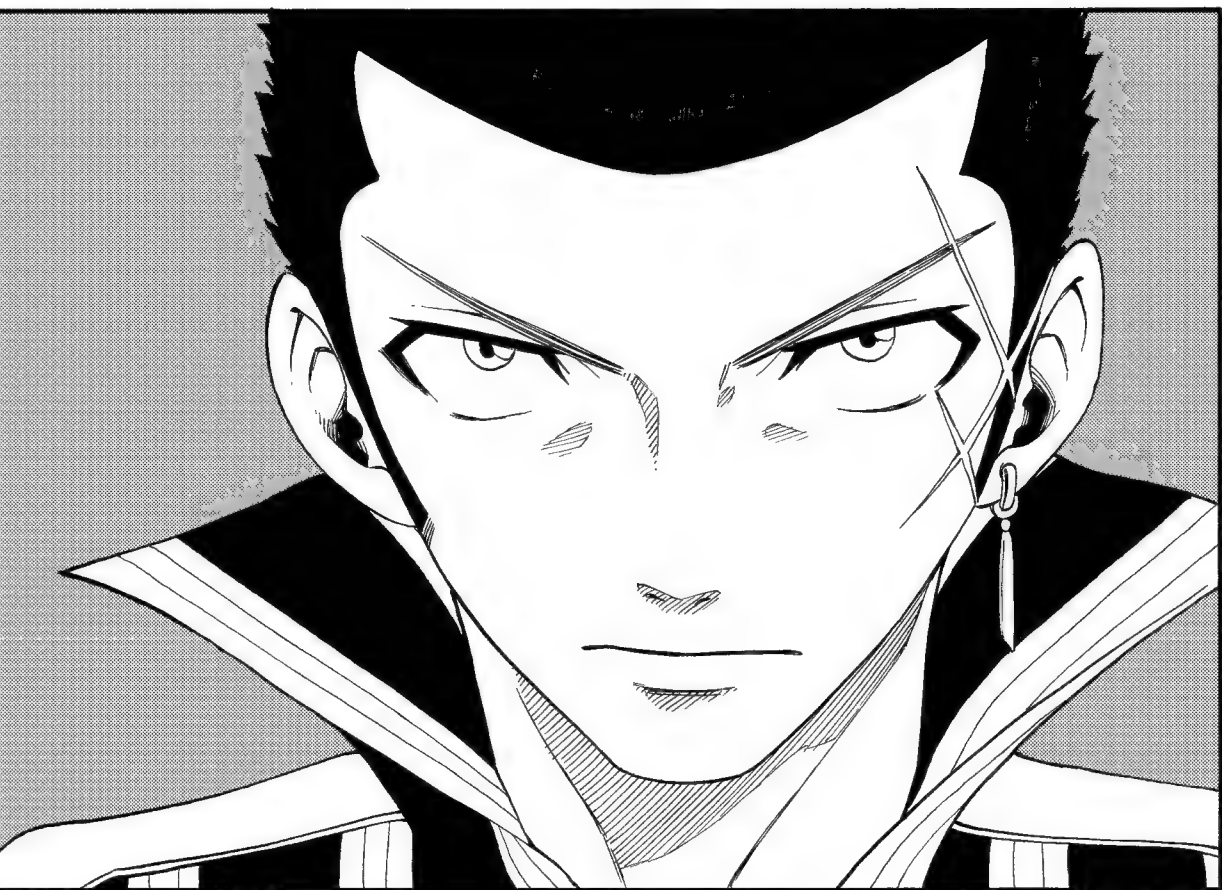
Merudy  
...



Zancrow  
...

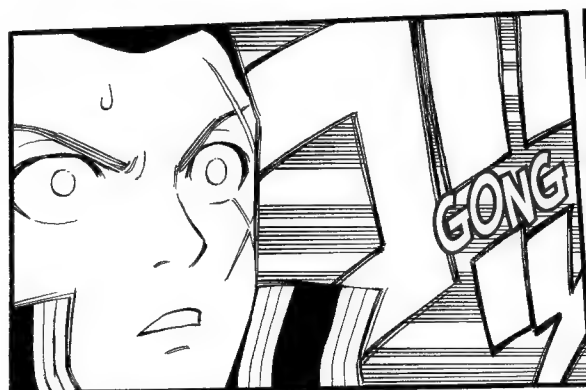
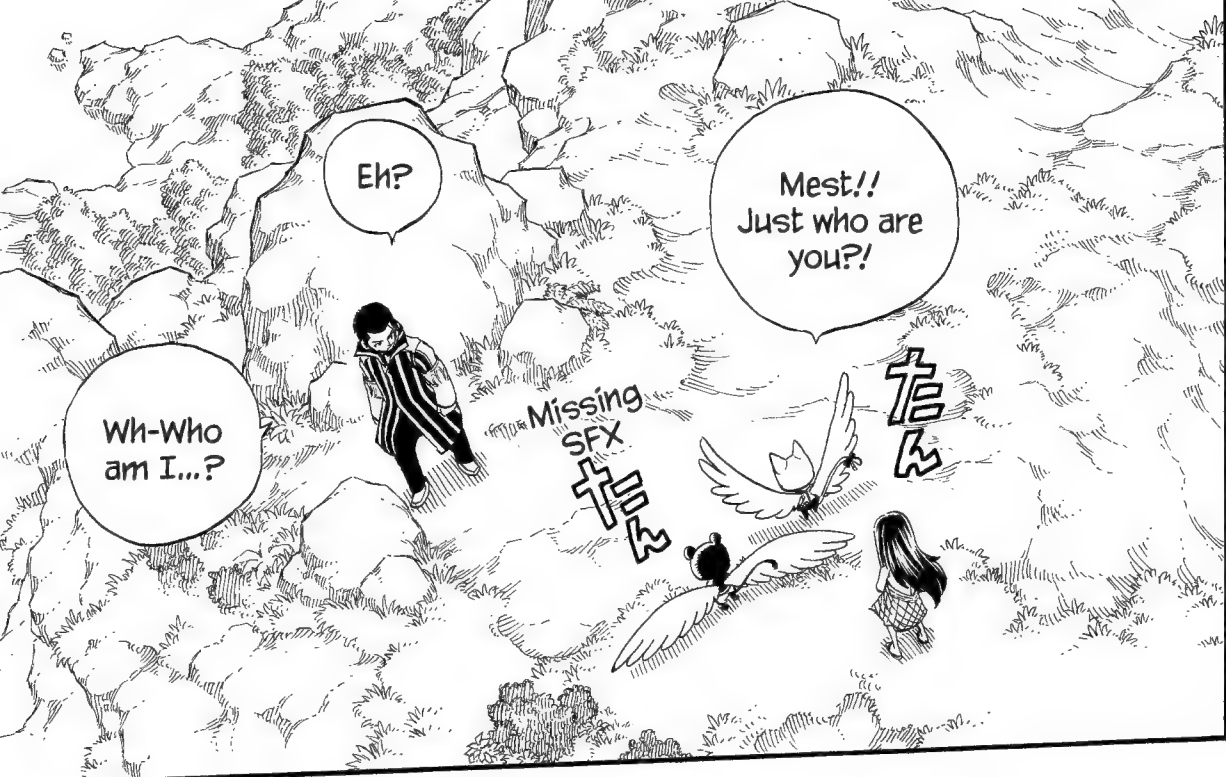


Kain  
Hikaru...











Just  
what are  
you?!

Hey!!  
What's with  
you two all of  
a sudden?!!

You be  
quiet!



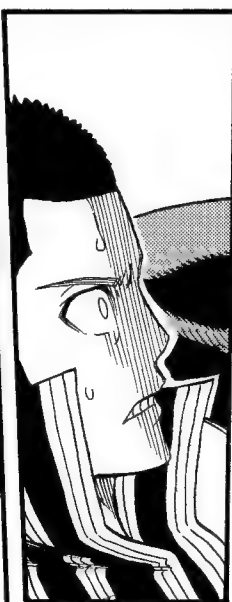
My guess  
is you have  
magic that  
manipulates  
people's  
memories.



Wh-What...  
are you  
talking  
about...?



And you can't make  
up any excuses for  
not knowing the  
meaning of a guild  
flare signal!



But when I think  
about it, and add  
in what I know  
about the Prince,  
your story is full  
of holes! When  
I try to think  
of anybody who  
knows you well, no  
names come to  
mind!

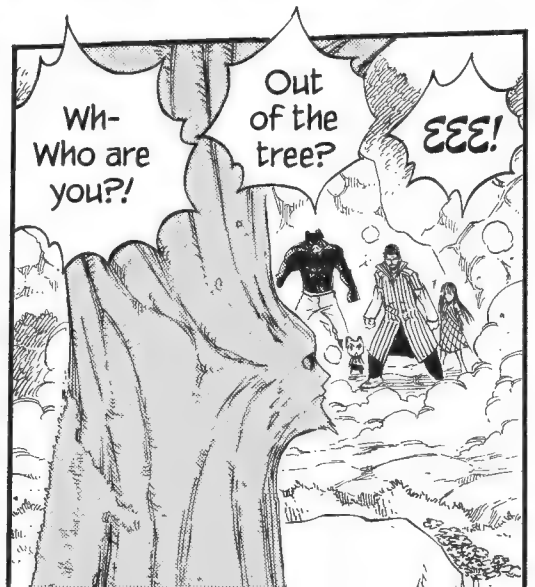
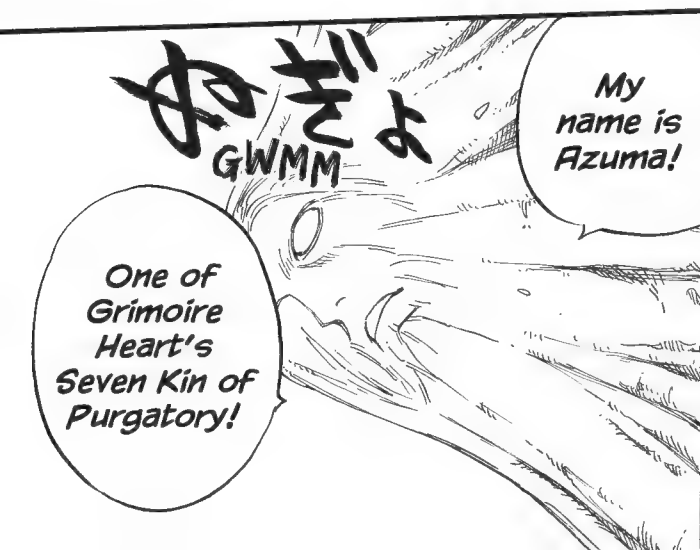


You used it  
on the people  
of the guild to  
make them think  
you are a guild  
member...







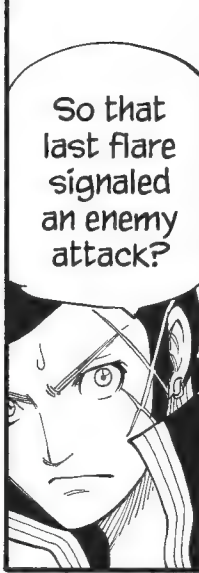






Let me  
just tell  
you that  
it's too  
late...

Hm.

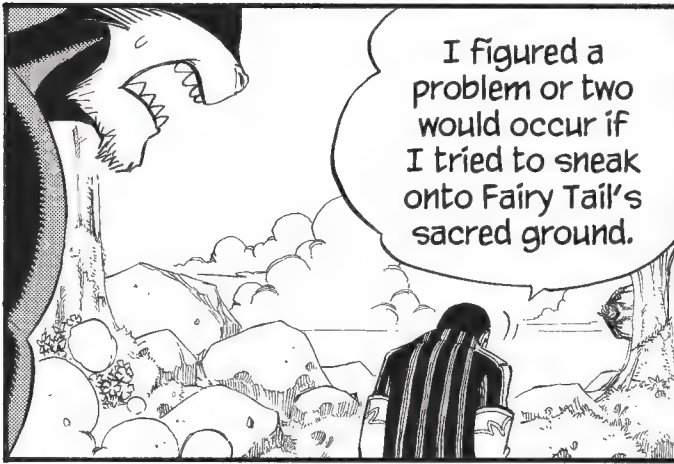


So that  
last flare  
signaled  
an enemy  
attack?



A dark  
guild.

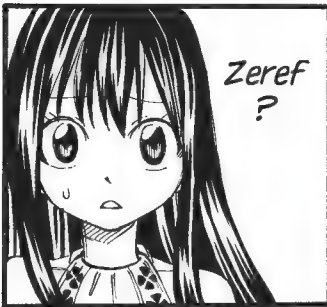
Grimoire  
Heart?!



I figured a  
problem or two  
would occur if  
I tried to sneak  
onto Fairy Tail's  
sacred ground.



Just  
what... is  
going on  
here?!



Zeref  
?



Just  
who are  
you...?!



But Zeref the  
Black Wizard  
and Grimoire  
Heart...?

I'm lucky  
this has  
turned out  
to be such  
a huge  
case.



I infiltrated Fairy Tail to find an excuse to shut you down!

You still haven't figured it out?

**I'm an agent of the council!**



Ha ha! If I can shut *them* down, then the sky's the limit for me!

It ended the moment Grimoire Heart came out of hiding to this island.

But that's all over.

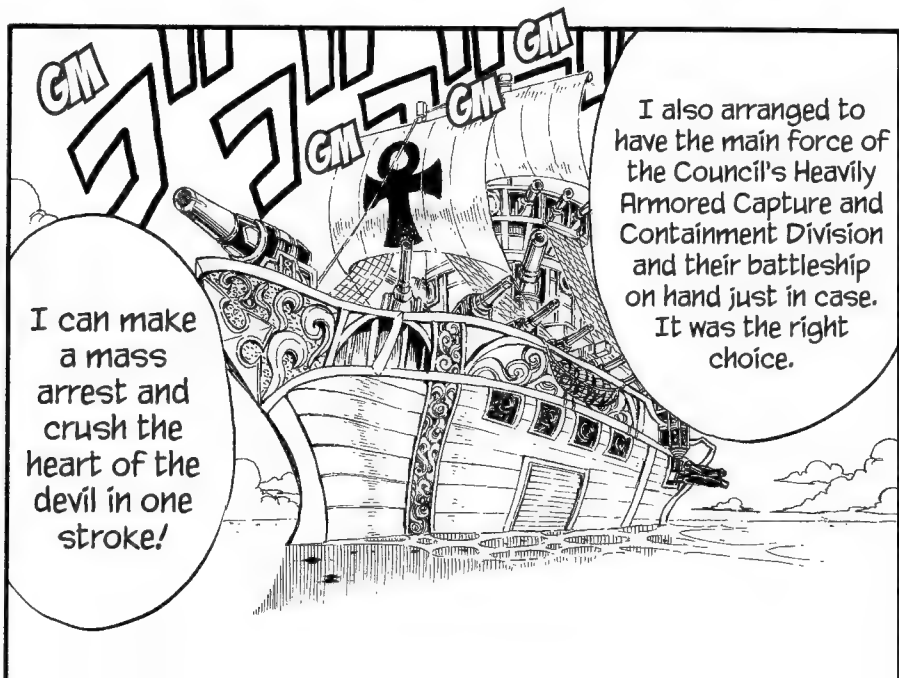
Well, well...

You're kidding ...

The council ?!

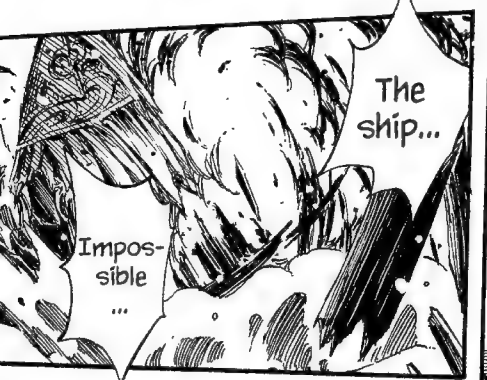


Battle-ship?



I can make a mass arrest and crush the heart of the devil in one stroke!

I also arranged to have the main force of the Council's Heavily Armored Capture and Containment Division and their battleship on hand just in case. It was the right choice.







Let me  
start  
again...

Do you think  
I can get to  
work now,  
officer?

**GRIMOIRE HEART**  
MEMBER OF THE  
SEVEN KIN OF  
PURGATORY  
AZUMA

All of  
you,  
withdraw  
now!

TO BE CONTINUED

# あとかぎ

## Afterword

Ahhhhhh!! The famous hidden one-shot short story “Welcome to Fairy Hills!!” will be included in the **Special Japanese Edition of Volume 26**, and you will soon be able to read it in a small booklet edition!! On top of that, there will be a “Welcome to Fairy Hills!!” **anime DVD** also included!! Not only that, but a **Happy Cell Phone Strap** will also come in the package for only **1980 yen!!**\* Yahoo!! What a feast! Come to think of it, I'm putting on a few pounds myself. (cries) Anyway, I'm sorry for the sudden advertisement, but Volume 26 is becoming an irresistible volume! It's got so much going for it!! There are a lot of scenes you could consider a bit sexy – some I think may seem a bit too much for the anime...! Or so I thought until I saw what they did with the anime...! The story of “Welcome to Fairy Hills!!” is about the Fairy Tail women's dorm, and how Lucy gets into a treasure hunt inside the dorm. When it was printed in the magazine, it had a huge impact on the readership, and I must say, it's a story I'm very fond of myself. So I ask you all to please check it out!

Ah! Also there will be two different editions for Volume 26, the **Normal Edition** and the **Special Edition**, each with their own packaging. Make sure you don't get confused thinking they're two different books! The main story running in the books will be exactly the same. The Normal Edition will be a *tankobon* exactly like they always are. But with the Special Edition with all its added extras, it'd be really easy to mistakenly buy both editions! If you do, please don't inundate the editorial office with complaints, okay?

Because there aren't many extra pages in this volume, this bonus section didn't turn out to be much more than an advertisement!

Sorry!!

\*A little over \$20.



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Miyagi Prefecture,  
Takuya Wagatsuma



▲ It's a really recent illustration, huh? From now on, things get interesting!

Nagasaki Prefecture, Den-chan



▲ I wonder what she'll do for Fairy Tail during this series?

Kagawa Prefecture, Shin Miyamoto



▲ That was quick! Zancrow!!

Aichi Prefecture, Yuki Koshino



▲ This is so nice! It's so simple and refreshing!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Akira Hasegawa



▲ You know, I really like seeing girls eating something. Is it just me?

Saitama Prefecture,  
Mafluyu Nakayama



▲ You saw Gajeel-kun do a lot this time! What do you think?

Chiba Prefecture, Tori

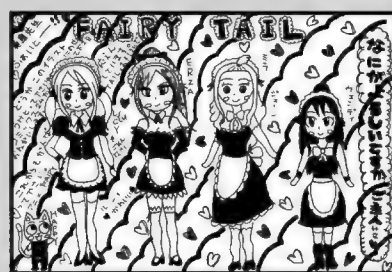


▲ Ohh! Cute! Do you think those clothes could be popular?

Hokkaido, Erii



▲ I guess it's true that there are Erza Nightwalker fans out there!



Saitama Prefecture, Pudding

▲ Everybody's maids!! They're all like Virgo!!

Niigata Prefecture, Baba-cchi



▲ That castle must have been a pain to draw, huh?! A great effort!!

Kagawa Prefecture, Runa Shinohara



▲ Watch for the manga version of this costume in the special edition of Volume 26!

Okayama Prefecture, Misaki Ishii



▲ Ohh!! That's well drawn! And that guy makes me kind of nostalgic.

Aichi Prefecture, Ikumi Takashima



▲ And here's Levy-san, who worked pretty hard this time, huh?

Tochigi Prefecture, Hentzel



▲ Wow!! That's good!! And the balance between black and white is excellent!



▼ You wanted that? I-I'm impressed!

Saitama Prefecture, Satan Soul

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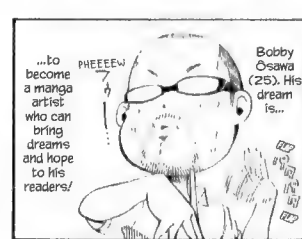


# SuperGuy



## Yui Ueda

## 25-Year-Old Dreamer



## Bobby Ôsawa

This is a record of a hero (Hiro Mashima) and his brave warriors (assistants) that appeared in Weekly Shonen Magazine, Issue 2010, Number 42 when three installments were all drawn at once!

## Three Meals at Once Letting his instincts lead his life.



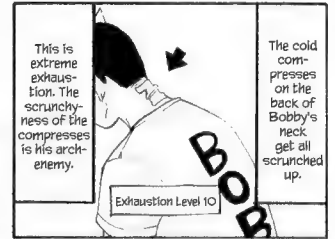
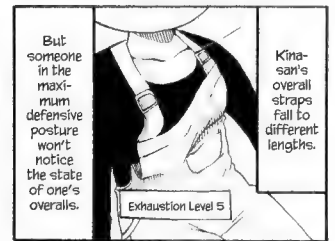
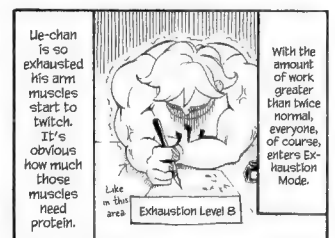
## Kain

## Amazing Power of Good-Looking Men



## Kina Kobayashi

## Pretty Ominous, Huh...?



## Shô Nakamura

FROM HIRO MASHIMA



The above drawing is from when I was looking at a bookend at home and suddenly wanted to draw it. I don't remember when I bought it, but it's a bookend with a kind of orange-colored dog, or maybe bear.

Come to think of it, I really don't remember when I bought it. How long has this thing been in my house? This weird-colored animal!

# Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.



## Page 125, Don

Yomazu's attack is like Levy's Solid Script, except it uses the Chinese characters called *kanji* that make up part of the Japanese writing system. Mashima-sensei uses some of the characters strictly because they're pronounced like sound effects. (Some have real meanings, and these are translated in the book.) This *kanji* means "turtle," and the sound effect, don, sounds like striking a dramatic pose.

## Page 125, Hyuu

This *kanji* means "little tiger," and sounds like something whizzing through the air.

## Page 132, Gô

This *kanji* means "thunder" and is pronounced *gô*, the Japanese sound for thunder. In fact, it probably came to mean thunder because of its pronunciation, not the other way around.

## Page 138, Zu-Za Za Za Za Za

Here we have a series of *kanji* that sound like the Japanese sound effect for a swinging sword. The *kanji* mean "design" followed by a bunch of *kanji* meaning "seat" – so, as you can see, the meaning doesn't matter. Only the pronunciation is important.



## Page 139, Zan

This *kanji* means "cut" or "behead," and it really is pronounced "zan."



## Page 139, Su-Pa Pa Pa Pa

Like *Zu-Za Za Za Za* above, these *kanji* were chosen for their sounds rather than their meanings. The first, *su*, means “nest,” and the *pa* sounds mean “twirl.”

## Page 140, Bi, Za, Ba

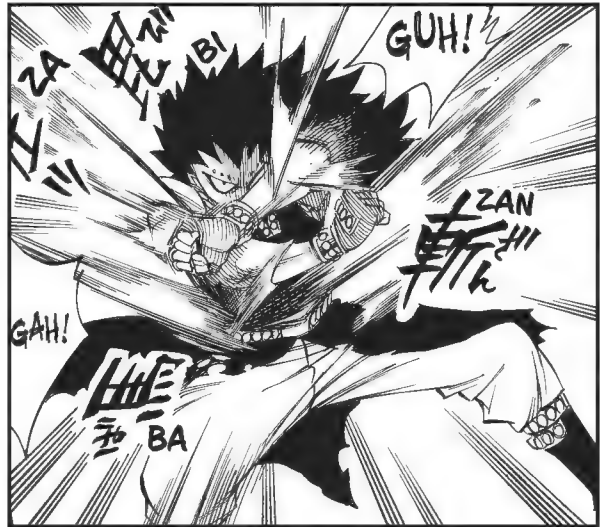
Here the *bi* *kanji* means “assist.” The *kanji* for *za* means “steep,” and the *kanji* for *ba* means “horse,” and is the first character in the common Japanese insult *baka* (the *ka* in *baka* means “deer”).

## Page 141, Tsuranuki

The *kanji* for *tsuranuki* means “pierce.”

## Page 141, Do

*Do* is a *kanji* that means “anger” or “rage.”



## Page 141, Kasha

The first *kanji*, *ka*, means “to add,” and the second *kanji*, *sha*, means “pebbles.”

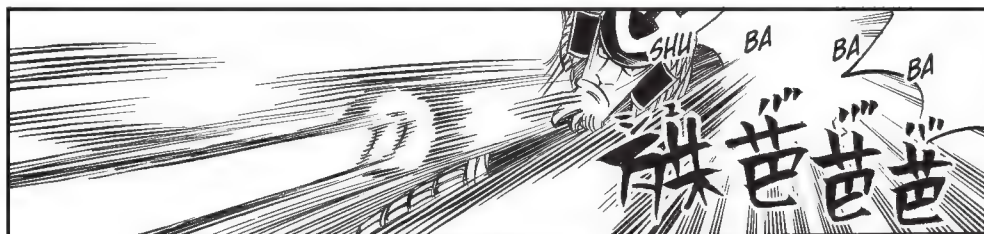
### Page 153, Bô

This *kanji* seems to have been chosen both for its sound and meaning. The *kanji* *bô* means "protection."



### Page 154, Shu-Ba Ba Ba

The phrase *shu-ba -ba ba* was probably chosen for its sound. The *kanji* for *shu* means "exceptional," and the *ba* *kanji* refers to certain kinds of banana and is the first character in the name of the famous haiku poet, Basho.



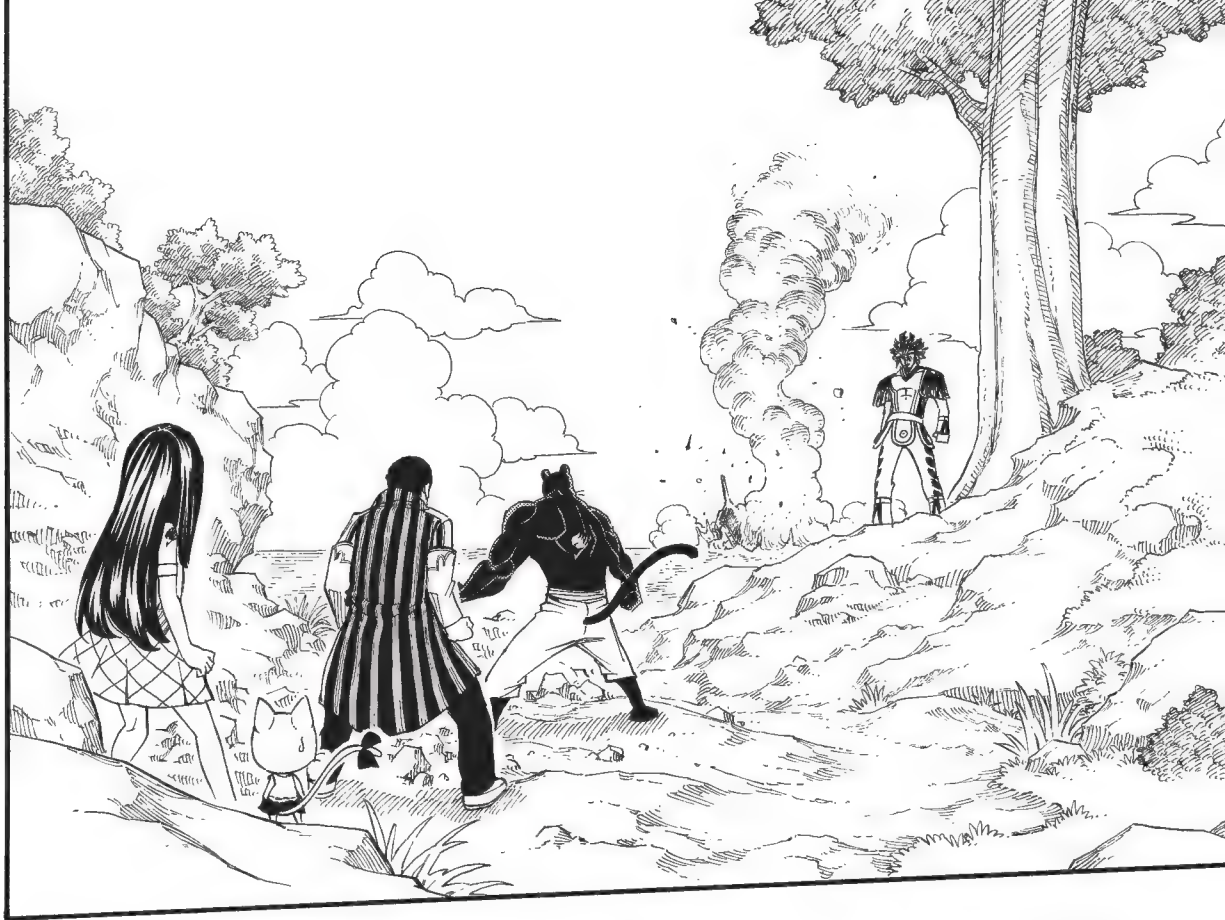
## Preview of *Fairy Tail*, volume 26

We're pleased to present you with a preview from *Fairy Tail*, volume 26, now available digitally from Kodansha Comics. Check our Web site ([www.kodanshacomics.com](http://www.kodanshacomics.com)) for details!

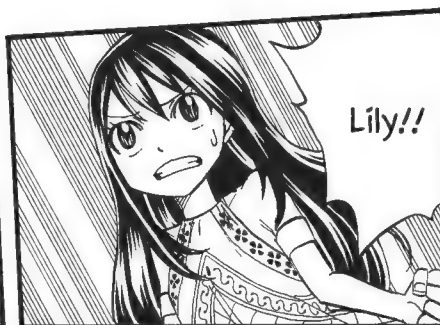










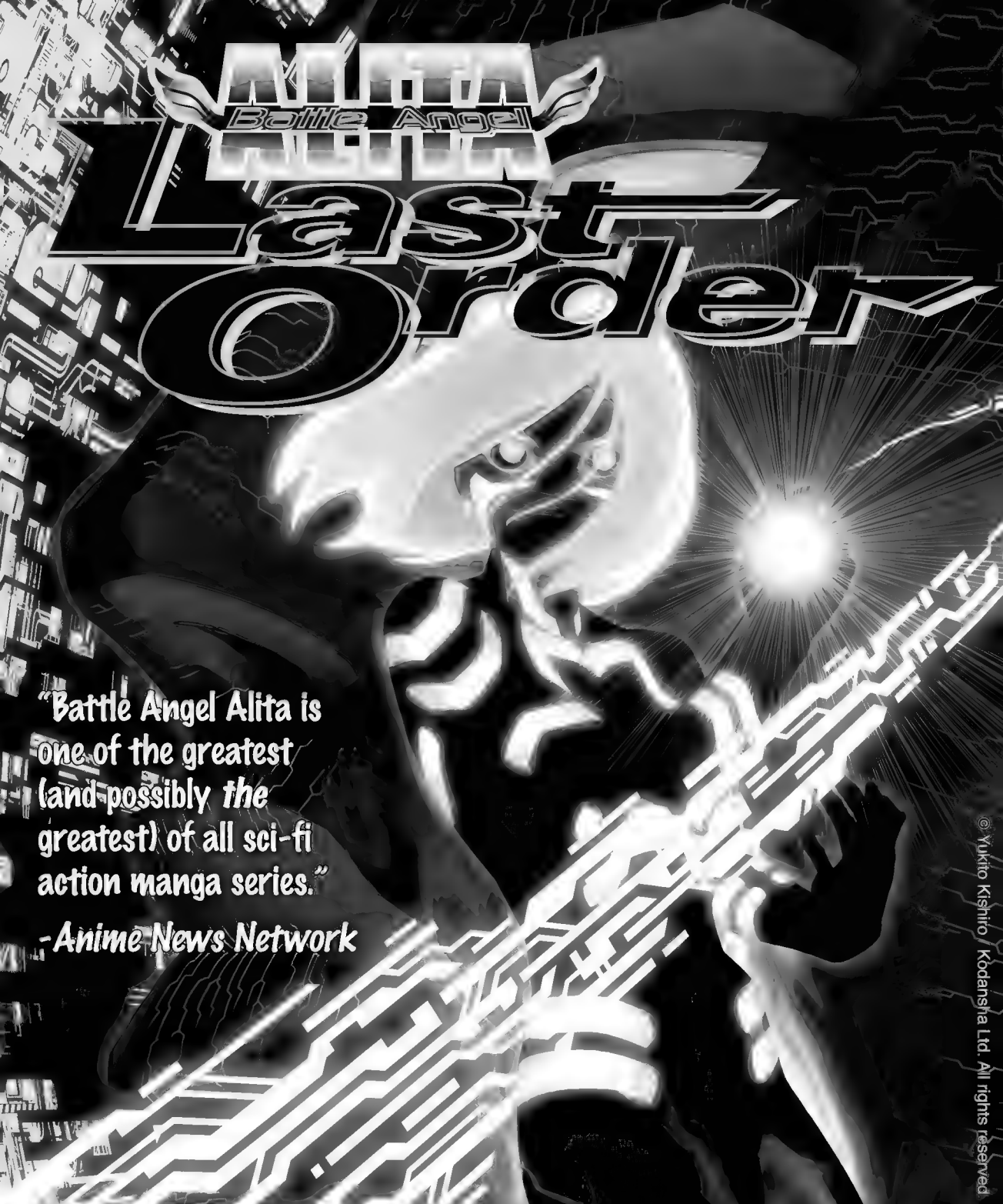












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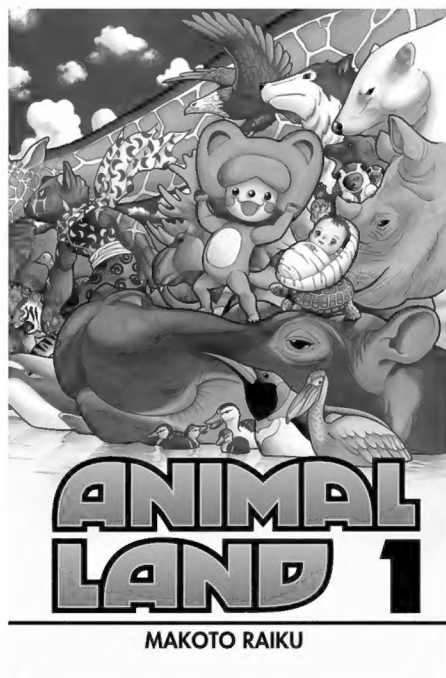
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